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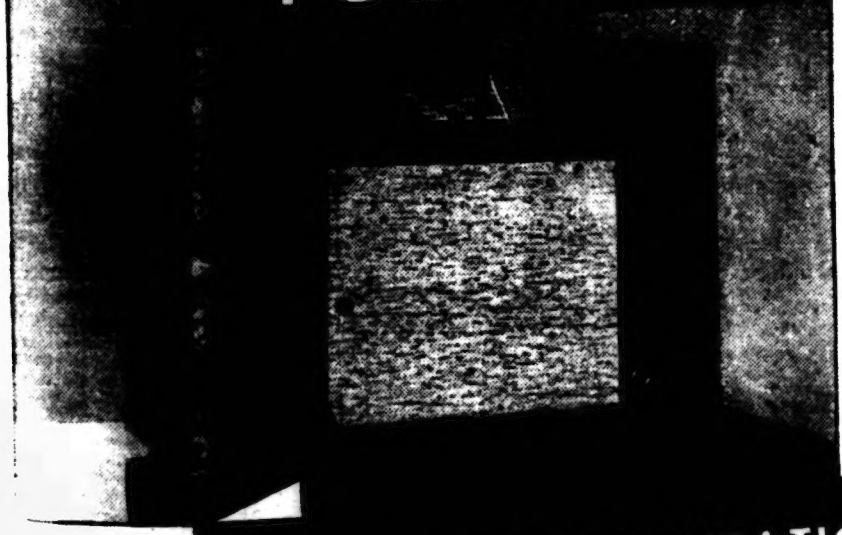

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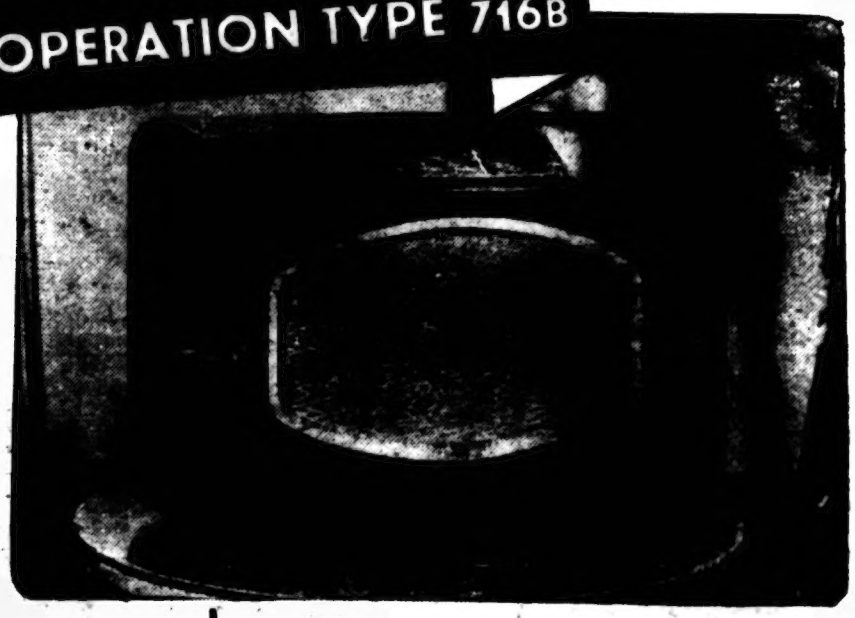

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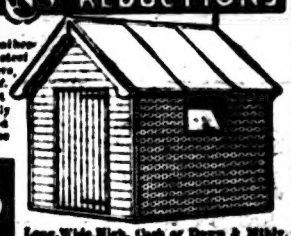

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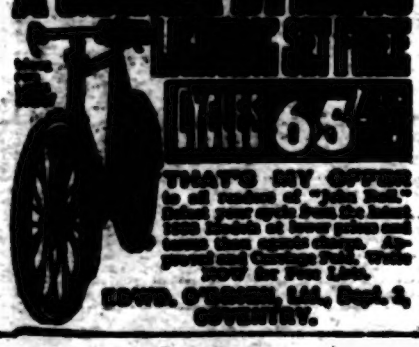

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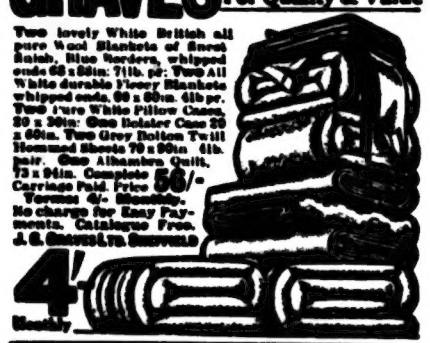

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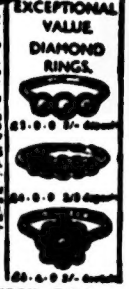

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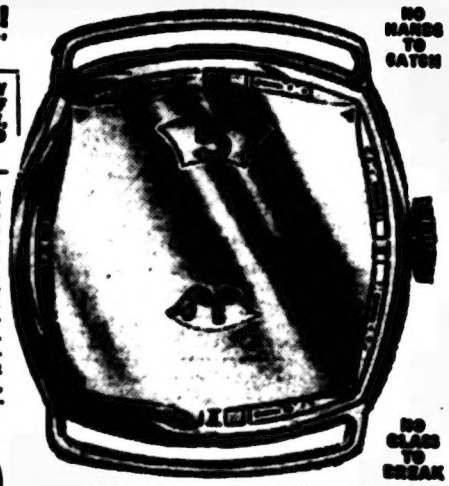

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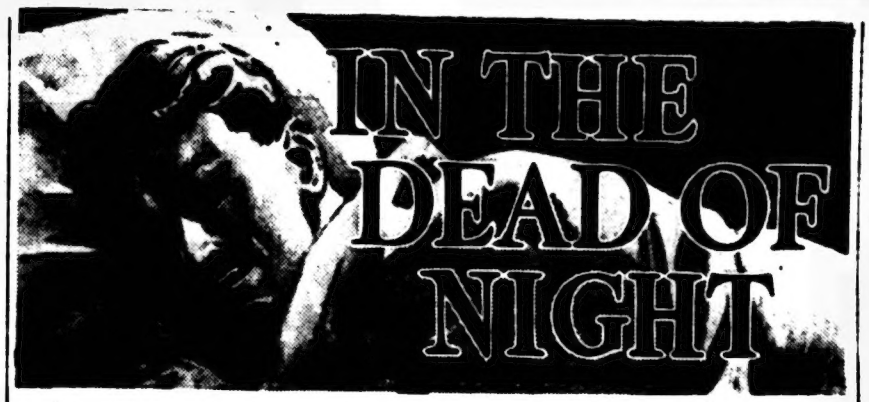

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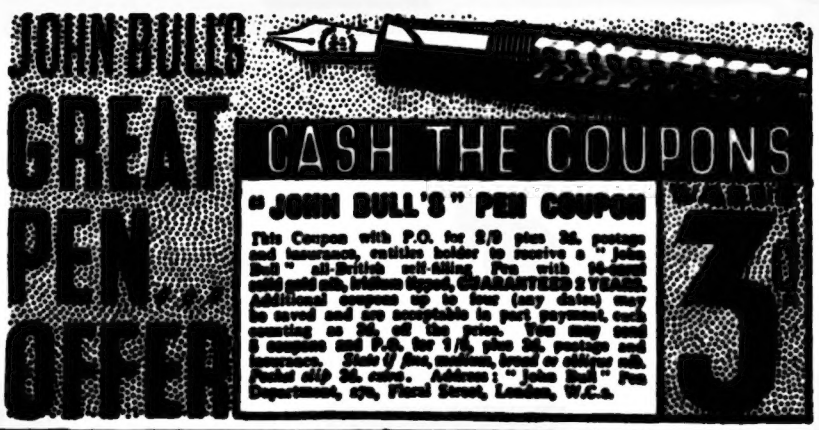
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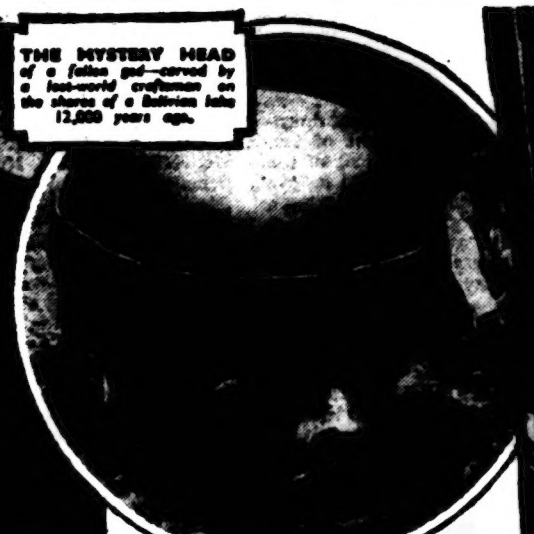

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ONE of the healthiest and most noteworthy developments of our times has been the awakening to the beauty of the countryside and the seeking of recreation and pleasure in the peaceful haunts and once little-frequented corners of Britain.

This realisation of our scenic wealth and the great increase in the number of people roaming in our rural districts has, however, created, or rather intensified, problems which call for immediate consideration.

The position is that in no other country in the world is access to the countryside so restricted. Britain is the only nation whose citizens are prevented from wandering at will on wild, uncultivated mountains and moorlands.

Ours is the only country of importance which has not established national parks to preserve big areas of outstanding natural beauty unspoiled for the enjoyment of the people.

Instead of increased facilities to appreciate our rural scenes, the growing number of tourists and wanderers has produced a tightening of restrictions and an additional crop of notice boards inscribed "No Road" or "Trespassers will be prosecuted."

VARIOUS organisations interested in the countryside or concerned with the preservation of adequate opportunities for the enjoyment of natural amenities are seriously disturbed over the situation.

At Leamington this week-end the Council for the Preservation of Rural England will discuss the establishment of national parks and the creation of green belts round our large towns.

Next week the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society is calling a conference of outdoor organisations to discuss footpath problems and the need of greater access to the countryside.

And the Ramblers' Association is conducting a campaign in support of the Access to Mountains Bill, for which Mr. Geoffrey Mander is endeavouring to obtain a reading in the House of Commons.

The only legislation of any importance which has been passed in recent years is the Rights of Way Act of 1932. This measure simplifies the procedure for establishing the legality of a right of way, but in many respects it is unsatisfactory. It makes no provision for the creation of new paths, nor does it compel the local authorities to exercise their powers in the maintenance of existing paths.

Countless footpaths and bridleways, some of them centuries old, have been neglected. Stiles and gates have vanished, and no visible evidence remains. From all quarters of the country come reports of efforts to close ancient rights of way.

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Sometimes there is local opposition, and the path is saved.

Too often no action is taken. The villagers may fear to protest. The offender may be the local landlord, who, perhaps, is chairman of the parish council.

MANY of these local bodies consist largely of landowners and farmers often with no interest in the preservation of footpaths.

In the hilly parts of Britain the problem is even worse, for there are large tracts of barren country without a single path, and from which the public is strictly excluded in the interests of game preservation.

One of the black spots is the Peak District of Derbyshire. This, which should be a natural playground for the populous towns of Lancashire and Yorkshire, is forbidden ground for the public.

Over 200 square miles of moorland have only 12 footpaths more than 2 miles in length. One area of 37 square miles is uncrossed by a single path, and gamekeepers are ever on the watch for trespassers.

On the Pennine Moors of Yorkshire similar conditions exist. The Highlands of Scotland, with all their mountain grandeur, their wild glens and beautiful lochs, a region which could be developed as a holiday-makers' paradise, are likewise restricted.

More than 3,000,000 acres are maintained as grouse moors and deer forests, to the exclusion of the public.

A wise Government interested in the welfare of the people, and desirous of encouraging the healthy recreations of its citizens, would lose no time in dealing with the problem.

HERE are some practical measures which we suggest should be adopted forthwith.

County Councils should be called upon to make a survey of all existing paths in their areas, and to ensure their permanence by erecting signposts. At present it is permissible for them to do this, but Essex is the only county council which has done so.

New footpaths should be opened through country at present inaccessible to the public.

Regions such as the Peak District, Snowdonia, the Lake District, and parts of the Highlands should be scheduled as national parks.

The Access to Mountains Bill, which would give the people access to uncultivated mountain or moorland, should be placed on the Statute Book at once.

Thereby the people of Britain would recover their lost heritage, the freedom to walk the hills as a natural and national right.

That is why we welcome the new campaign that is now being launched.

No longer must the Government give its sympathy only to powerful, selfish landowners or to the reactionaries among local authorities who, for self or class interests, refuse to endow the community with what should have been its heritage.

Straight from the Shoulder

Nation at Mercy of Air Raiders

Save Up Now for Dearer Christmas
Two Million Motorists Dazzled
A Very Worried Hitler

WHEN the King goes to Leeds at the end of the month he will be shown an air raid precaution centre.

Leeds is lucky to have a centre actually ready. Most cities have air raid precaution centres only on paper. The plans are ready but there are not enough funds to carry them out.

That was the heritage bequeathed to Sir Samuel Hoare by his predecessors when he took over the Home Office. Lots of plans, but nothing accomplished.

Unprepared

If there was a sudden air raid tomorrow we should be in sorry straits. Let us face the facts. Nine-tenths of the population up to the present have received absolutely no anti-gas and anti-air raid instruction whatsoever.

This is no matter for parsimony on the part of the Government.

Air raid precaution, we have always contended, is a national affair, and ought not to be left to local authorities.

Therefore the Government should supply all the money, and not only the present 80 per cent. The finding of the odd 20 per cent. is the difficulty.

In the event of war, that is about the proportion of the population who would survive if things remain as they are.

Small Comfort

No one should be put off from this very serious defect in our national civilian defence by the spectacular blackout of the Thames estuary in the first days of November.

He inherited nothing

It will be well advertised, and everyone will enjoy the novelty, in spite of the inconvenience that may arise.

Blacking-out the Thames estuary to order does not affect the estuary of the Humber or the Tyne.

Besides, nowadays nations do not advertise when they are going to make a raid. Why, they do not trouble to declare war.

Soaring Food Prices

Food is dear and getting dearer. Prices are 25 per cent. up on last autumn for meat, bacon, butter and potatoes. In some cases, like English steak, prices are higher by about 40 per cent.

Bread, milk, sugar, dried fruits and many kinds of groceries are costing more. It will be a real case of saving up for Christmas.

Speculators Busy

And why? Because the speculators have been busy buying up stocks which they are now unloading on the market at their own price. You pay. They take the extra profit.

We badly need a Price Control Committee. France has one. It has effectively checked profiteering in food prices and many of the present increases are blatant profiteering.

Pigeon-Holed

As it is, we have a Food Council instead. Some months ago it reported to the Board of Trade that many household commodities were far too dear.

The report is carefully preserved in Whitehall—in a pigeon-hole.

Some Posers

Plain, ordinary people, many of whom are often hungry, want to know why coffee is fuel for bonfires in Brazil, fish is being flung back by shipload into the sea, villagers have to buy tinned milk, tea in India is not being picked, bacon is on the scarce side because of the absence of new bacon factories.

Perhaps the Food Council will have another go.

Infantile Fire-Fighting

When a fire breaks out at Portland (Dorset) it is said children have to help push the fire appliance (dating from 1901) along the road. The firemen are annoyed, it makes them look foolish.

But there is something more than the finer feelings of firemen in this matter. What of the unfortunate citizen who watches his property being destroyed while children are helping the old machine along to the scene. He is entitled to real annoyance.

We hope the Ministry of Health has been forthcoming with a loan for a new appliance.

Dazzle Puzzle

There are more than 2,000,000 motorists on the roads. And every one is puzzled.

What is dazzle? The law now requires all motors be equipped with anti-dazzle devices, but no driver is compelled to use them.

No One Knows

Plain fact is there is no strict definition of the word either in optics or law. The regulations speak arbitrarily of "no dazzle 25 feet from the lamp" and "at an eye level of not less than 3 feet 6 inches."

The police have to make charges against "dazzlers." Then comes the turn of the magistrates. We are in for a long period of acrimony, due entirely to looseness of wording in another Act affecting motorists.

P.M. Star

Mr. Neville Chamberlain has been to Denham and made a "talkie." We shall not see or hear of it for some time. It is all part of yet another Government propaganda plan.

But the Prime Minister astonished the experts. He was made up and on the set in front of the cameras in twenty minutes.

Film stars often take two or three hours to do the same thing. They call it temperament.

Hitler's Worry

Hitler is worrying about who is to succeed him if he dies or is bumped off. He has toyed with the names of several of his Party, but cannot make up his mind.

That is the trouble with these dictators. They are like one-man bands.

In Hitler's case there is not even an indifferent fiddler in the offing—only swashbuckling adventurers who can blow the big trombone or beat the big drum—and out of tune.

Hitler knows it. That's why he's worried.

Ghetto Benches

We have long been nauseated with the heartless, senseless persecution of Jews by the Nazis.

Jew baiting is taking place in Poland: has taken place for years. In some ghettos Jews are only allowed to have doors to their houses three feet high, so they are forced to enter like dogs.

Now, in Warsaw University Jewish students have been ordered to sit at lectures on "Ghetto Benches." They must not contaminate native-born Poles.

Yes, this is 1937.

Enterprise Punished

A certain unemployed worker in South Shields thought he had the chance of a job in an adjacent town.

Officials at the local employment exchange refused to allow him to sign the register early.

The man went to the near-by town, failed to get the job, and when he got back to South Shields it was too late to register. The next day he was calmly informed he had lost four days' unemployment benefit. He had to keep himself for a week on 5s. 9d.—all because he tried for a job.

Red-tape ought to be used for tying up official documents, not to make men hungry.

Foul Play

Mr. William Pickford, president of the Football Association, says he does not want to attack the Football League, but he does want to clean up football.

And there still remains a lot of cleaning-up to do. Two years ago JOHN BULL exposed the menace of thug football.

Things are not so bad nowadays, but there are still far too many instances of rough play.

Lovers of the game as a game and not as a professional racket will welcome Mr. Pickford's call for the abolition of the sliding tackle, just as they rose up against the foul trick of "overstepping the ball" two seasons back.

Speeding Up Justice

Official shorthand writers are now attending the High Courts of Justice and Assize Courts to take notes in witness actions.

At last something practical in the speeding up of justice. In the past procedure has been held up while painstaking judges have made even more painstaking notes on the Bench.

They were not to blame. It was just the system.

Windfalls

Sir John Simon has got to raise a lot of money by next Budget day to pay for all our extra guns and aeroplanes.

Millions help him

He has had a lot of windfalls. Ten millionaires have died in the last year. They left between them £14,849,825. The Treasury took about £8,000,000.

Now Lord Crawley has died leaving £864,479, of which the Treasury gets £265,000.

Eleven such wealthy men passing in a year! One begins to realise the wealth of Britain. One may also be forgiven for wondering why there is so much misery on every hand.

Good Example

In Cardiff there are 1,039 aged poor living in lonely rooms, paying exorbitant rents.

But that sad state is to be changed. The city council is building more than a thousand small dwellings for them, so that they can spend their declining years in some atmosphere of comfort and independence.

So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

Hard On Pensioners

Men with physical defects caused by the war can still apply for pensions under the special regulations framed for dealing with belated claims.

The snag is when applications are rejected there is no right of appeal to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal.

We have referred to this matter before. We again look to the Minister of Pensions to give the matter his immediate attention.

Sad Families

How can you expect Fife miners to have big families? The County Council has suspended its building programme on grounds of cost.

Even so, in Buckhaven, a father, mother and four children are crowded into one sub-let room. All sleep in the same bed.

At Blairhall a two-room house contains two families—one a husband, wife and four children, aged five to seventeen. In the hamlet of Auchterderran 87 families are living in one-room houses.

Fife County Council ought to have another talk with its treasurer.

Real Officiousness

For years two men have wandered from shop to shop in Croydon. They were well known as blindmakers, and their job was the repair of outside blinds.

One of them had been employed casually in the town in this way for 40 years without interference.

Both were recently arrested as pedlars without certificates. The cases were very properly dismissed, but it seems to us like a quite uncalled-for act of officiousness on the part of the police.

Romantic Journey

FOR 1,150 miles a mammoth pipe-line runs through desert country, bearing the crude oil of the Iraq wells to the seaboard. It cost £10,000,000 to construct, and many lives were given to the task. Now for all time it remains an example of supreme engineering achievement.

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National Health Insurance Bombshell

An unemployed member of a society with a deficit cannot obtain additional benefit, however much it may be needed

DISCLOSURES made in the following article affect directly, in pocket and well-being, *no fewer than seventeen million wage earners* of this country.

That figure—seventeen millions—is the grand total of persons who contribute compulsorily each week to the National Health Insurance scheme.

And concerning the scheme in its present financial position there are certain disquieting features.

Recent publication of an official Blue-book giving the complete details of fourth valuation of approved societies' assets and liabilities draws attention to the extraordinary anomalies which exist in the payment of benefits through the different societies.

Generally the criticism can be summed up in this way: The whole national scheme is a kind of "lucky dip" insurance. Whether you do well or badly for your contributions depends entirely upon the approved society to which you belong.

Payments made for the insurance are all to scale. Whereas benefits, on the other hand, vary to an astonishing degree. That is grossly unfair.

A great campaign by the Government is now launched to induce people to take full advantage of the public health services.

We suggest that, as a corollary to this campaign, the Minister of Health should take immediate steps to overhaul the whole machine of State insurance.

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Thirteen years ago a Royal Commission was appointed to consider what alterations, extensions or developments might be made in the National Health Insurance scheme.

Various important recommendations were put forward by the Royal Commission. If accepted, these ideas would have removed the grounds for present complaints.

But nothing whatever was done to give statutory effect to the proposals.

So in 1937 we have the grievances of a substantial body of the insured growing more and more acute.

Here are the facts. Taking the country as a whole, there is an enormous surplus National Health Insurance fund of £37,000,000.

Of that amount, £20,105,000 has been declared as available for extra benefits, such as dental, ophthalmic, hospital and convalescent treatment.

The individual valuations of approximately seven thousand different approved societies vary from an average surplus of £4.65 per member to an average deficit of £1.1 per member.

Of the approved societies, 5,857, with a combined membership of 14,733,621 hold a disposable surplus available for additional benefits.

The members of those successful societies are lucky. They will in future gain far more for their contributions than their fellow-workers in other societies.

In the case of 228 societies with a membership of 812,208, assets and liabilities on the balance-sheet are equal. The members of these societies are thus in a state of equipoise, hoping for the best. They may get something extra, or they may not.

Further, there are 292 approved societies—membership 607,782—with a deficiency.

Benefits vary, as between approved societies, to a fantastic degree. A number of societies give a commendable scale of extra benefits. *Others have to stick rigidly to the minimum scale enforced by law.* One society, for example, affords its members practically the whole cost of expensive dental treatment, and a high contribution towards ophthalmic treatment. Others grant free dental treatment, and payment for dentures, with—in cases of serious illness—provision of a seaside convalescent home.

There is no *standard of benefit*. Yet all insured workers *pay the same*. John Smith secures exceptionally good value for his insurance by belonging to one particular society, while his next-door neighbour, John Robinson, has to put up with a much worse return for his contributions.

Indeed the system is full of anomalies.

The reason for these unjust variations is that each society is a separate and self-governing unity. One society has a hundred members, and another two million.

The complex whole of the approved society organisation is riddled with these incomprehensible absurdities.

One result of this parochial system is that deficits naturally occur in those societies whose members most require additional benefits. Local societies in areas where unemployment is rife are faced with difficulties.

An unemployed member of a society with a deficit cannot obtain dental treatment or other additional benefit—however much it may be needed—for himself or his ill-nourished family.

Consequently, the people who most need help suffer to the greater degree.

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It is argued, by advocates of the present system objecting to a change, that every insured person has free choice of the approved society which he or she wishes to join. Therefore, they should choose the society providing the largest benefits.

When it is considered, however, that the usual age for becoming insured is sixteen, and that even a sophisticated man of affairs does not always insure himself to the best advantage, it will readily be seen how haphazard an affair it is to instruct a mere child to do the best for himself in this respect.

If the insured person were to choose a society advertising the choicest additional benefits, he has no guarantee that the position of the society may not deteriorate; and that, through some altogether unforeseen contingency, such as sudden unemployment in a certain trade, the insured person may find himself once more deprived of all but the statutory benefits.

Even the Government Valuer, who decides what proportion of a society's surplus may be used to provide additional benefits, has to be a good guesser in this respect.

In his present report, he states that "the disposable surplus was limited . . . to an amount which would enable the unit concerned to provide such increased additional benefits as it appeared likely to be able to maintain for at least ten years. . . ."

Theoretically, every member of an approved society has responsibility for the management of that society, although, of course, he has nothing whatever to do with the administration—good or bad.

If the Ministry of Health decides that a deficit shown by any society is attributable to reckless payments, or other avoidable causes, an order can be made compelling increased contributions from the members.

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Or, alternatively, the statutory scale of benefits may be reduced until the financial deficiency is wiped out.

Cases of this kind have occurred lately. With one society, under the ban of the Ministry, and having to rearrange its administration and expenses, 99 per cent. of the members had not the slightest idea of what was happening. They only knew when their benefits were cut and contributions raised.

These members and their families are being made to suffer *for something over which they had no control.*

Members of an approved society which is in poor circumstances have the right to transfer to another and more prosperous society.

They have the right, *but they cannot always exercise it.* An approved society, whose financial position does not permit of additional benefits, can resist the transfer of its members. It can—and frequently does—apply for permission to refuse transfers to other societies.

By this instrument members are bound to a "bad" society.

Only complete State insurance can obviate the wicked, cruel injustice to millions of insured workers from the existing system.

Every insured worker pays the same amount. Every insured worker should receive the same benefits. There should be no differentiation.

A pooling of surplus funds was advocated by the Royal Commission, *and that must come.* It is inevitable.

Approved societies will still exist as collecting and distributing agents; the present glaring inequalities must be swept away. There must be equal benefits for equal payments.

By such a reorganisation can the scandal of the National Health Insurance scheme be remedied.

EXCLUSIVE INFORMATIONS DIRECTED BY SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

FOUR GRAVE CIVIC SCANDALS

THERE must be very few local authorities which have the good fortune to escape the embarrassment naturally caused by the discovery of peccadilloes and betrayal of trust among officials and servants.

Much more serious than the actual offences or irregularities, however, can be the attitude of local councils and other public bodies towards the culprits when these things stand revealed.

And the present position in some parts of Britain with regard to the cloaking of offences and failure to take adequate action in respect of them is becoming very disturbing.

In the last few days JOHN BULL has been investigating a series of cases of this kind, the somewhat disquieting record of which must now be made known.

For weeks past the district of Prestatyn, in North Wales, has been buzzing with strange reports regarding the council and one of its employees in the gas department.

DARK SUSPICION

Very little has been allowed to become known about the inside of the matter. Certain documents relating to the department are said to have been manipulated and tampered with, and that the official concerned was in wrongful possession of a key giving him access to prepayment meters. It is further declared that he obtained entrance to private houses on excuses not justified by his employment.

There is no doubt that sums of money were found to be missing from meters in houses in the town, and a serious aspect is that, while investigation has been in progress by the police, a number of honest householders have been in the shadow of suspicion.

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JOHN BULL is aware of the facts of one case of the kind in which a respected citizen of Prestatyn suffered so intensely from the ordeal of the enquiry that he has been stricken down, in consequence, with a most serious illness.

Another grave aspect of the matter is an allegation that, when suspicion was finally brought to rest on an official of the council, certain councillors allowed themselves or members of their families to be interviewed by him.

In previous and lesser cases of the kind, the Prestatyn Council has certainly not been lavish in its leniency or sentiment towards its guilty servants when the question of their dismissal had to be discussed.

But in this instance it has all been very different.

The council has agreed to accept an offer from him to make good the loss of money to the public. But it has refused to do anything either in the direction of prosecuting him or ordering his dismissal!

Tribute must be paid, however, to the attitude and conduct in the matter of one councillor—Mr. E. T. Williams, a schoolmaster.

Because his appeals to the council to maintain the integrity of the public services and to prevent a canker spreading into the public administration have been futile, Mr. Williams has resigned his seat.

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All good citizens will endorse his declaration that the foundation of civic government is justice and justice must overrule sentiment.

Here are the facts relating to another councillor who has resigned—this time in Lowestoft, and in very different circumstances.

He has been compelled to quit from the local education authority.

His name is Councillor Samuel Clarke.

Next January there comes into force a new Act of Parliament under which young persons between fourteen and sixteen years of age will participate in National Health Insurance benefits.

For some time past people in responsible positions in Lowestoft have been puzzled by the fact that hundreds of homes with children who will be affected have been receiving membership application forms for a particular insurance society.

Obviously, there was a serious leakage somewhere of information in the possession of the education authority and its members.

I am pained by the regularity with which reports reach me not merely regarding irregularities, but the attitude of municipalities when dealing with the offences — Sir Wyndham Childs

It has been traced to Councillor Clarke—who is an official of the insurance society concerned.

He has been using material supplied to or obtained by him in his public office to develop his business and for his own future gain.

DISMISSED COUNCILLOR

A remarkable sidelight has been thrown on the easy conscience of some councillors towards their office of trust during the investigation of Councillor Clarke's culpability.

One of his colleagues—a Mr. P. Greasley—has sought to defend him with the extraordinary statement that any councillor would do the same as Clarke has done in a business of a similar kind. "We would try," he said, "to get more custom"!

JOHN BULL offers its congratulations to Lowestoft Education Committee. It has decided that Clarke is no longer a fit and proper person to serve on it.

To Councillor Clarke himself we would only say that it seems desirable in the general interest that he should also vacate the seat on the council which his fellow-citizens appointed him to occupy.

Much of the public apprehension regarding happenings like these is accentuated in other cases by the methods of the councils in dealing with them.

The Town Council of Dartmouth, South Devon, has just decided to dismiss the town clerk, Mr. Edward Coff, without further pay or any increments due to him.

In this case also the public has been told nothing about the circumstances of or the justification for such extremely drastic action.

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All that has been let known is that, coincident with the town clerk's dismissal from office, a sum of money has been paid over, representing the balance of the town's Coronation Celebration Fund.

This policy is not only disquieting, it is dangerous. The civic rulers of Dartmouth, it is true, have been acting on legal advice, but they must shed the cloak they are trying to draw round the affair and expose it without shame or any false sentiment.

The motto of the town of Pudsey, Yorkshire, is—"Be Just and Fear Not." The council of that town is not acting as if it were inspired by this municipal watchword.

Pudsey Council has just dismissed two men from the service of its roads department for the alleged illegal disposal of scrap-iron belonging to the council.

The public is being kept in the dark about the truth. When the council had to deal with the matter, it carried on the proceedings in the completest secrecy. The Mayor even advised his fellow-councillors to sit in privacy, with the remarkable statement that if they knew what he did it would be wise to do so.

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Like so many other councils, the Pudsey one has apparently lost sight of the fact that it is aiding and abetting whatever irregularities have taken place and that its members have not been elected to sit in a judicial capacity.

There would be less scandal in municipal government and no obnoxious secrecy when offences are discovered if councils generally would only keep in mind that the public interest would be best served by open investigation by a sympathetic body of police and fair and capable benches of magistrates.

Millionaires Overnight

BY far the most brazen of all recent attempts to ensnare small investors in this country is now being made intensively from Brussels.

Indeed, a deluge of printed appeal has been released from Belgium in the last few days to fall on people of modest means in Britain.

It emanates from a hitherto unknown concern calling itself the Associated Investments of Canada. No reason is given why it should be hawking supposed Canadian securities on such a great scale in this country from Brussels.

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More transparent nonsense has never been uttered than in the marketing of this proposition—which is the purchase of shares in a gold mine named the Duver Creek and said to exist somewhere in the Quebec area of Canada.

The invitation is to participate in any amount from £5 to £50 with the extraordinary suggestion that—on a conservative estimate—a profit of not less than 1,000 per cent. will be quickly made.

Not much is said about the gold mine itself. The most that can be learned concerning it is that a "bonanza discovery" of £60,000 of metal was made some months ago—but at another mine, belonging to someone else, a mile away!

So you are asked to allow yourself to flow on what is called the Golden Flood of phenomenal reward.

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In a vast number of cases, say the pushers of these cheap mystery shares, the poor have already become rich and the rich still richer. People with a few pounds have made thousands, those with thousands have made hundreds of thousands, and those with hundreds of thousands have made millions!

Describing their activities as an unprecedented fortune-making sensation, the individuals in Brussels and Canada who are behind this amazing project to obtain British subscribers speak glibly of pouring wealth into the laps of millions of people, without discrimination of class or rank.

Nothing more fantastic and audacious has probably ever been tried than this offer to make British people wealthy by such easy methods.

Crooked Sweepstake

DURING the past week most parts of Britain have been flooded with tickets, sent by mail from Holland, for a sweepstake on the Cesarewitch, due to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday week.

A film styling itself Naseby and Grant is responsible for the distribution. It is promising agents in mines, factories and offices who undertake the disposal of the tickets a commission at the fantastic rate of 33⅓ per cent.

We have no hesitation in condemning the sweepstake as a swindle.

The individual directing the enterprise is a notorious cheat named Sydney Marello—at least, that is the most genuine of numerous aliases he has used in a long career of fraud.

Marello has promoted scores of imposing sweepstakes, but all of them have been conducted exclusively for his personal profit.

Making Motherhood a Crime

FROM two separate Government departments the married women of Britain have in the last few weeks had separate appeals made to them.

One has come from the Minister of Health, who asks them to produce more babies.

The other is the Home Office request to them to develop enthusiasm for the protection of their families against possible future enemy air-raid bombardments.

The Government spokesmen must change their tune in making these appeals. Two cases which we have to present indicate the hypocrisy of the spirit in which they have so far been made.

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A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peal, who then lived at the Wreasle Houses, Broughton, near Brigg, in Lincolnshire, received one of the appeals of the Ministry of Health to rear a larger family in the interests of the State.

Mr. Peal thought he had a sufficiently large family. He had every reason to believe so. His landlord was seeking an ejectment order against him on the ground that it was too large.

No rent or rates was owing. There was no other reason for the application to evict Mr. Peal and his wife and children from their home than that they had too many babies for the landlord's satisfaction.

The landlord wanted possession of the house so that it could be given over to a couple who had no family.

"Why should the fact that I have children deprive me of my home?" Peal asked the court.

There was no answer.

Mr. Peal then directed the attention of the court to the Minister of Health's appeal to the mothers of the nation to breed more children.

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The court had to disregard what he said. It nodded sympathetic approval when he mentioned that great numbers of women would be happy to have children—but they did not bear them for the reason that they were frightened of being turned into the street by the landlords of their homes.

Peal's plea was all in vain. An order had to be made against him, as the law stands.

Until a day or two ago he did not believe, however, that it would be executed.

Then, the other evening, he returned from work to find his wife and children homeless on the roadside outside what had been their home.

His wife had collapsed in emotion when he arrived. Her children were standing over her. All around them were the contents of their home.

In Mr. Peal's absence, the bailiffs had arrived without warning. At the moment of their entrance, Mrs. Peal was in the act of placing the family dinner in the oven. In less than thirty minutes all the contents of their home had been put in the roadway.

A piteous spectacle it was. The mother, in tears and her heart at breaking point, sat among the furniture on the pavement with her little ones clustered around and hugging her.

Let it be known that in a few weeks she expects to bear another baby for the benefit of the State.

Appeals of politicians and scientists to the mothers for more babies are so much hypocrisy in the light of the tragedies described here

Two of the children around her among the heap of household goods in the street were very unwell. One had undergone an operation only the week before; the other had a septic foot.

While the mother and her family sat in the roadway in this pitiable condition, the district nurse arrived on her daily round to attend to the two ailing children. The nurse could not take them into the house for treatment. She had to tend them by the roadside, neighbours bringing hot water and bandages.

Kindly people in the district are now giving shelter to Mrs. Peal and her babies. Her husband has in the last few days made pathetic appeals for another house. He has been refused.

He is told that his wife has had too many children. The appeals of the State for larger families are of no concern to local councils or private landlords.

Peal and his wife have now been informed that the only alternative accommodation for them and their children is the workhouse.

A FEW evenings ago there came to the home at Mitcham, London, S.W., of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Banejee-Smart a woman official of the local council who asked them if they would be willing to act as volunteers for air-raid precaution purposes in the event of another war.

Next day Mr. and Mrs. Banejee-Smart and their four children were evicted from their home.

Their youngest child is only two months old.

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When it was born, in August, the father happened to lose his job. The rent fell into arrears for a week or two, and the landlord decided to get rid of his tenants.

The local authority was induced to believe that the occupation of the house by Mr. and Mrs. Banejee-Smart and their four children was a contravention of the new legislation dealing with overcrowding and that they must be removed.

At midnight, on the day of the eviction, the family were still without shelter. Then they went to the workhouse.

Fortunately, for the time being, they have got beyond that terrible experience. The Boy Scouts of the district have given them temporary accommodation in a recreation hut.

But once again they are faced with no other choice than the workhouse. They have been told by the authorities that they cannot occupy the hut any longer for lack of sanitary accommodation.

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Politicians and scientists are crying out for more babies in the interests of the country in peace and war.

Before their appeal can be listened to in sincerity they must, first, try to explain away the two tragedies described here of the people who, in the first instance, have responded to it—and suffered so terribly in consequence.

Five Years for Five Shillings

JOHN BULL understands that the Lord Chancellor's Department is conducting a private investigation into the circumstances in which so many thousands of young persons are every year cast into lunacy establishments after being charged in the police courts with simple and petty offences.

Our records bulge with instances of this ever-worsening scandal.

But no worse case has had to be added to them than one which became acute in the last few days.

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This week a youth of twenty-two, named George Duffin, ended at his parents' home in Pembroke Road, Seven Kings, Ilford, a month's holiday from the Royal Eastern Counties asylum at Colchester, Essex.

During the four weeks he was at home this young man, who is completely sane and normal and of good intelligence, received three separate offers of excellent employment.

He could not accept any of them.

His requests to the asylum from which he was on holiday to be given his liberty and to follow a normal life were all turned down flatly.

Young Duffin has had to go back to the institution to continue his job there of making tables and chairs and other furniture in the carpenter's shop—at a wage of *fourpence a week.*

George Duffin—paying a terrible penalty

George Duffin has been in the Colchester asylum for five years. So far as the intentions of the authorities can be construed, he will be there for the rest of his life.

Why?

For no other reason than that five years ago, when he started life as a milk roundsman's assistant, he stole five shillings which had been paid to him by a customer to hand over to his employer!

A proposal was then made to his parents that he should be sent away for two months to a place in the country where he would benefit from a spell of hard training and discipline.

His father and mother naturally and readily agreed to this course, believing that it had been devised wholly for their son's future advantage.

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They were astounded soon afterwards to learn that, in fact, the "place in the country" to which he had been sent was nothing less than a lunacy institution.

Two months, twelve months, three years, five years passed. Still their son was not returned to them.

A month ago they determinedly demanded his release. All they were allowed was that he should visit them for four weeks.

During that month he proved his sanity and mental soundness so fully that three employers undertook to provide him with jobs at excellent wages.

But now he has been compelled to return to the asylum to continue his five years of imprisonment and travail—at fourpence a week.

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A five years' sentence for a five shilling theft in boyhood is bad enough. But not nearly enough for the authorities. Their intention seems to be that George Duffin will never again have his freedom.

PASTOR'S PLUNDERS

I IMAGINE a tubby, rosy-faced little man of about fifty with an open smile and blue eyes, whose remaining scanty hair is grey. He speaks with a cultured, faintly "pulpit" voice, and sentiment and benevolence seem to gush from him.

The picture is that of the "Rev. Henry Rogers"—a bogus, swindling priest.

For a long time he has been a clever and cunning exponent of the crooked charities' collection game. But recently he entered new pastures.

His plunder is now taken from people who advertise in newspapers and journals that they have goods for sale.

He must be prospering at their expense because in the past month he is known to have defrauded fully two hundred people in places as far apart as Leeds, Warwick, Weymouth, Torquay and Liverpool.

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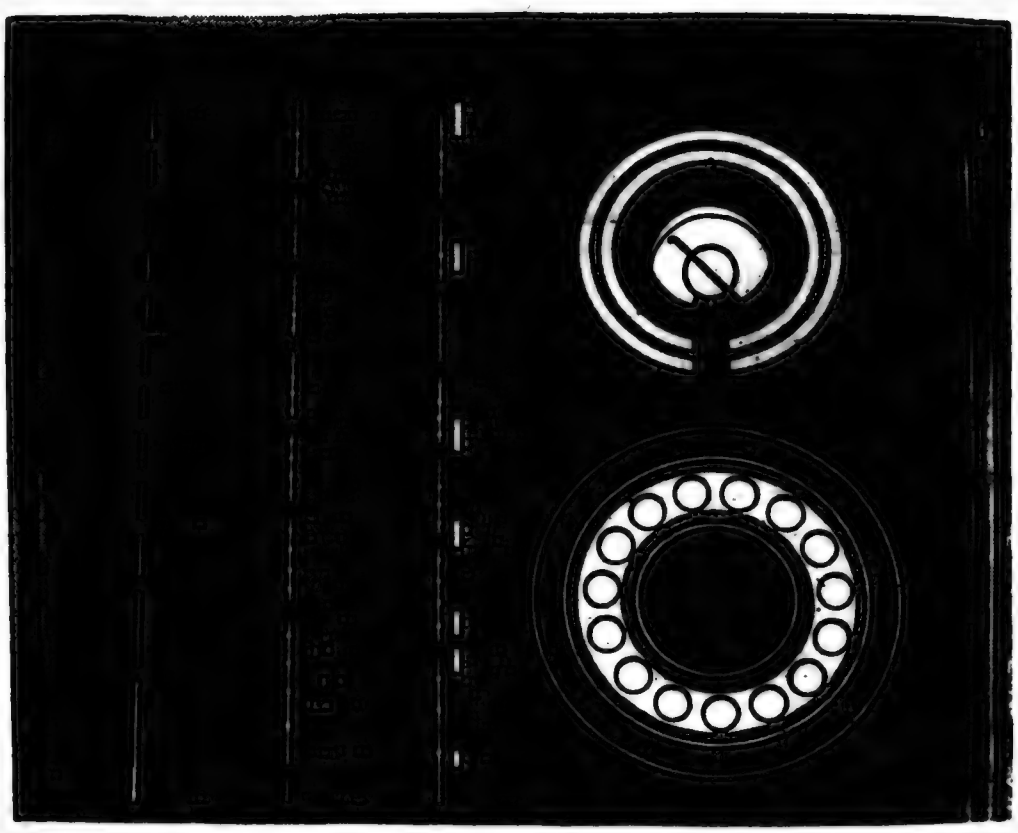
Always presenting himself in full clerical uniform, he pretends to the owners of goods for disposal that he has recently been appointed to the charge of a church in the district and that the articles offered for sale are of a kind required by one or other of the clubs, guilds and the like conducted among his congregation.

Of course he obtains all goods "on approbation"—and on the pretext that they must be submitted in the first instance to the committee of the church organisation which proposes to buy

"It's easier done than said" says Christopher Stone



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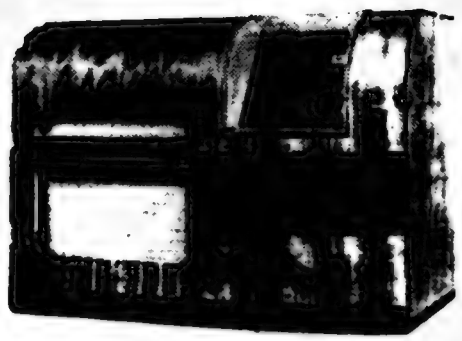

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Do not alienate a patient public

DEAR SIR REGINALD DORMAN-SMITH,—Don't you think the Farmers' Union, of which you are President, is a little short-sighted?

You are quarrelling once more with the Government about milk subsidies, objecting to the new policy.

Your Union does not like the new subsidy, presumably because it will give the producers less power through not being given actual cash to do what they like with, as with the levy subsidy.

The attitude you are taking is likely to antagonise the rest of the population. You ought not to forget the fact.

The sole justification of the farm is the public who pays indirectly for its existence by consuming its produce.

The people have as much right to be considered as the farmer.

You will gain nothing by trying to dictate to the Treasury, who have the last word in money matters, after all.

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Farmers ought to remember that when the levy-subsidy was taken off beef and a plain subsidy substituted, the Treasury handed over £5,000,000 a year. There will probably be a similar increase in this matter of plain subsidy for milk and also greater and better production.

A very great deal is being done for the farmer in the way of advertising the virtues and health-giving properties of milk.

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More than £80,000 is about to be spent on a national publicity campaign. Advertising has already proved efficacious in this respect, and it is to be repeated.

Last year the consumption of liquid milk—the most profitable commodity for the farmer—rose by 22,000,000 gallons. Milk producers' returns were up £550,000.

Those are figures to think about.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. ERNEST BROWN,
Minister of Labour

SIR,—A solicitor's clerk stated at Guildhall that he had only one pound and six pennies for a week's wages after all deductions had been made.

We have heard a lot from you and your Department about what is to be done for the black-coated workers. When are you going to start?

It is about time a trade board was set up for clerical occupations. Hundreds of thousands of people are trying to look well dressed and respectable on less than two pounds a week, whereas actually they are half-starved and miserable.

Here is the opportunity you are looking for to win the applause of your fellow-countrymen.—JOHN BULL.

THE GREAT BRITISH PUBLIC: Firework season approaching. Keep your dog on lead or in quiet place indoors. Dogs know nothing about Guy Fawkes.—JOHN BULL.

Lieut.-Commdr. KENNETH EDWARDS, R.N. (Retired)
Chelsea

SIR,—You have obtained a lot of publicity from your book "The Mutiny at Invergordon." That is only natural seeing the subject is controversial and has to do with the Royal Navy.

Did you stop to think what an ugly word "mutiny" is? It brings back thoughts of the dark days of the Nore and Spithead when rebellious sailors left our defences open to the French fleet.

All that happened at Invergordon was an organised protest against what the lower deck thought a monstrous grievance.

Essential discipline was never relaxed.

"Demonstration" would have been a better word to choose. Think it over.—JOHN BULL.

ADOLF HITLER,
Berlin

SIR,—Last July you organised an exhibition of "degenerate" art in Munich. Hundreds of thousands paid at the doors.

Now you propose to have an exhibition of degraded literature and music. Even more will turn up.

And do you realise why? Your obsequious followers go to get a good laugh and sensation which your drab Nazi régime otherwise denies them.

A sense of humour is as powerful a force as an army with banners. You always forget the fact.—JOHN BULL.

CONTRACTORS, Waterloo Bridge: Announced new bridge be ready 1940. You will not fail. London has waited fifteen years and untold millions been lost in time, trade, money.—JOHN BULL.

Councillor W. W. CRABTREE,
Salford Borough Council

SIR,—You know Mr. Harold Frith, employee of Salford Electricity Department, father of six children. They live in two rooms, four children sleeping in one bed. In the same house are two families of four, one family of three, a married couple and an elderly woman.

Nine years ago Mr. Frith applied for a council house. You say you will bring the matter before the local Housing Committee, but you hold out no hope because there is no alternative accommodation.

It is your business and that of your fellow-councillors to see that there is alternative accommodation. That is why you were elected. Nine years indeed!—JOHN BULL.

Miss DOROTHY ROUND,
Wimbledon Champion

DEAR MRS. DUNCAN LITTLE,—You are now the wife of Dr. Little, although to the world you will always be the popular Dorothy Round.

Now you have taken up golf because it is your husband's favourite game and you can share his companionship in moments of leisure.

That is your interpretation of domesticity and happiness, far better than the glamour of the centre court and the multitude.

And what a wise interpretation!—JOHN BULL.

Mr. A. D. LINDSAY,
Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University

SIR,—You are to be praised for speaking up for the new generation. It comes in for so much unfair criticism.

Let the old understand the young. You picture a world in which youth is daily being assured that a world-war is bound to come and that it will be thrown into the furnace as a matter of course.

After that this same youth is expected to settle down to three or four years of studied preparation for a useful life which they are told they will never enjoy in any case.

There is far too much of this sort of croaking nowadays.—JOHN BULL.

Sir HOLMAN GREGORY, K.C.
Middle Temple

SIR,—While you were at the Old Bailey you were faced with many knotty problems. Now in retirement, you cannot cease from work and are assisting the Spanish Joint Relief Committee.

You will be very welcome. Basque parents are asking for the repatriation of their children. One child is being claimed by four different persons and denies he has ever known any one of them. It is good to think you are there to see that abuses of this kind will be firmly dealt with.—JOHN BULL.

M. J. B. REBORI,
Cardiff Docks

SIR,—Hard times came to you some years ago and you were made bankrupt. Better times have followed and you have paid your creditors twenty shillings in the pound, *plus* interest.

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Postmaster-General

DEAR MAJOR,—In a few weeks there will be 3,000,000 telephones at work in Great Britain. The first million were installed between 1879 and 1922—forty-three years. The second million, 1922 to 1931—nine years. The third between 1931 and 1937—six years. The service gets better every year.

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FREDERICK OLDE,
Bournemouth

SIR,—You wished your children had been born in Russia and were not registered as British subjects.

In order to inform the world of your grievance, you damaged the walls of Bournemouth Town Hall with an axe.

You forgot that England is the freest country in the world for the law-abiding. It was to remind you of this the magistrate gave you two months in prison.—JOHN BULL.

Not from the B.B.C.

Face Values

JO DAVIDSON, you are, Jo,
A sculptor of repute,
And so it is not easy
Your dictum to refute:
That all the human faces
That daily are on show
Are what their owners make them,
Jo Davidson, my Jo!

I hope this is not true, Jo,
For certain persons' sake;
For it would prove that many
Have made a sad mistake!
A phiz too reminiscent
Of Dyson or of Low
Confronts *me* in my mirror,
Jo Davidson, my Jo!

This subject of faces must inevitably prove embarrassing to a number of people, but there is nothing to be gained by acting squeamishly and trying to shut our eyes to the facts of life.

HITHERTO we have jogged along in the erroneous belief that our faces, such as they are, are presented to us at birth and there is nothing that can be done about it. But now Jo Davidson, best-known of American sculptors, breezes into ill ole London and tells us to dial *OUR*selves for information on the subject of dials.

"The more I see of faces," he announces, "the more I am sure that people make their own." That is to say, we all start off with a couple of eyes and ears, a nose, mouth and (sometimes) a chin, and our emotions, habits and environment do the rest.

"JOBS change people's faces," says Jo, "the places they live in, whether they have money to spare or not enough." Of course, it is a well-known fact that the possession of money can change a face, subtracting a few unwanted eyebrows from that of a female and adding a couple of equally unwanted chins to that of a male.

It is no less clear that a person's job frequently proclaims itself in his or her phiz, as witness the unshrinkable smile of the film star, the cauliflower ear of the industrious prize fighter and the haunted eyes of the habitual taxpayer.

But of none of my acquaintances can I definitely say that his physiognomy makes it perfectly plain that he lives in (say) Upper Tooting. This, I suppose, is the fault of my inexpert eye.

Still, it is at least gratifying to know that it is within our power to change the façade with which Nature may have carelessly presented us, and I can only suggest that the sooner some people get busy about it the better for all concerned!

Out of the gloom that covers me,
Black as a pit from place to place,
I thank whatever gods may be
That I am free to change my face!

It came my way in days gone by,
Complete with angles, bumps and curves,
And, frankly, it has got on my
(And many other people's) nerves!

Too long I've carried it about;
My duty to the world is plain:
It's up to me to rub it out
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Y. S.

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A. G. GARDINER

What can civilised nations do to stem the tide of barbarism that is sweeping over great areas of the world?

Are the War Lords to be allowed to plunge countless millions into a new blood-bath in which the horrors of the Great War will be eclipsed?

President Roosevelt's great speech has sounded like a clarion call which, as A. G. Gardiner points out in this article, cannot be ignored by the British Parliament.

WHEN Parliament re-assembles next Thursday it will be overshadowed by one issue. Briefly stated, that issue is this: What are the civilised Powers of the world to do to defend civilisation against the tidal wave of barbarism that has been let loose by the gangster Powers?

Hitherto no effective answer has been found. But events in the past few days suggest that it may soon be found. *If President Roosevelt can carry America with him it will be found.*

For the answer is the mobilising of the police of the world against the gangsters.

Useless move

The immediate issue is that of China. When Parliament meets, the Government will be urged to take the lead in applying economic sanctions against Japan to stop the infamous aggression and barbarities which have shocked the world.

If that could be done, everyone would rejoice. And if it were done it would be effective—on one condition.

That condition is that all the civilised nations acted together.

No country is more vulnerable to economic pressure than Japan. She is so dependent on the external world for her raw material and her markets that she could be paralysed both militarily and financially in a few months.

But the pressure would have to be collective, and it would have to be enforced at the risk of war.

Two alone

Neither of those conditions is at present attainable, and the experience in the case of Abyssinia is a warning against attempting an economic squeeze until they are.

It is useless for us to stop supplies to Japan if all the rest of the world continues to trade with her. And if she retaliated by treating economic sanctions as a *casus belli* we could not protect the vast interests we have in China.

Japan's sea power is in command of the whole Pacific coast of Asia, and if it came to a question of war there are only two European Powers that could come to naval grips with her—Britain and France.

"Civilisation must mobilise . . ."

But in the present critical situation in Europe it is unthinkable that the navy of either of these countries could be sent to the other side of the world in such force as to be effective.

Birds of a feather flock together, and Mussolini has openly declared his sympathy with Japan. With the British Navy in the Pacific, all his ambitions in the Mediterranean would be attainable and the Berlin-Rome axis would revolve with a vengeance.

These are the calculations on which the War Lords of Japan are acting. The disruption of Europe has given them their opportunity, and they are exploiting it with the knowledge that the hands of Britain and France are much too full at home to permit of a risk of war ten thousand miles away. In these circumstances isolated action on our part would be criminal folly.

No responsible person in Parliament will expect it and the Government will certainly not contemplate it.

In so far as there is a boycott of Japan, it must be a voluntary boycott, expressing the public horror of the crimes of which Japan is guilty.

But does this mean that the civilised world is collectively helpless against the gangsters?

I do not think so.

Cause of peace

It has been so hitherto for one reason and one reason only. The civilised world has not been mobilised against the buccaneering Powers.

If it had been, its moral and material resources are so overwhelming that the criminal adventures in China, in Abyssinia and in Spain could not have been risked.

In this failure of collective police action to preserve peace and the reign of law in the world, the chief cause has been the isolation of the United States from the struggle.

This isolation has not been due to any doubt as to the side on which the sympathies of that great people are engaged.

There is no nation more devoted to the cause of peace and the authority of public law in the world than the American.

It is that very devotion that has led them to revive the doctrine of isolation, from which they departed when they intervened in the Great War.

They thought that by washing their hands of the quarrels of the Eastern hemisphere they could live comfortably and undisturbedly in their own continent.

They were mistaken.

Whatever was the case in the eighteenth century, the world is one and indivisible to-day.

And the peace of that world is ultimately one and indivisible.

If anarchy is to prevail from the Straits of Dover to the Sea of Japan, the United States will no more escape its effects than we shall.

And the great new fact of the world situation is that President Roosevelt has thrown down a challenge to his people to drop the doctrine of isolation and to bring their influence into the scale on the side of peace and the maintenance of international law.

He calls on the peace-makers of the world to mobilise against the forces of anarchy, and, while disavowing any intention of permitting America to be involved in war, he foreshadows the fullest co-operation with the peace-powers in all activities short of war.

His declaration at Chicago is a world event of the first significance.

We must not allow our expectations to soar too high. The American people have disappointed us too often to warrant that.

They repudiated their own President's League of Nations, and we remember that they sandbagged the World Economic Conference of 1933. They may refuse *now* to follow the President in his recantation of isolation.

Torn treaty

I do not think they will, for there has always been a powerful League of Nations movement in American politics, and the horrors of China have nowhere caused a more intense indignation than in the United States.

In any case, the Chicago pronouncement is a momentous fact that will have its repercussions throughout the world, and not least on the debate in Parliament next week.

The suppression of the speech in the muzzled newspapers of Germany and Italy is evidence of the shock which it has given to the dictators.

It has reminded them of the vast potentialities which will be arrayed against them if the gospel of anarchy is to be pressed to a decision.

So far as this country is concerned, it is an invitation to co-operation which should be, and will be, seized with both hands.

It changes the whole outlook and possibilities of economic and diplomatic action in the Far East.

It revives the authority of the Nine-Powers Treaty for the protection of the integrity of China, and the summoning of the signatories of that Treaty should be the immediate policy of the Government.

The tragedy is that this course was not taken six years ago when Japan's invasion of Manchuria tore the Treaty, to which she had put her hand, to ribbons.

If it had been, the whole current of history since would have gone into other and happier channels.

But better late than never.

Let us be thankful that, at long last, the mobilisation of the civilised world is taking shape.

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Price of Contentment

A FAMOUS thinker and writer who died not many years ago once wrote: "The price of spirituality is an increasing loneliness." It is a hard saying, not readily understood at first sight. Let us think it over a little.

You can define "spirituality" in any number of ways, but there is no doubt about its basic meaning. It implies a realisation of the true and the good, a definite ability to distinguish between right and wrong. It means the ability to think clearly, to reason coolly and calmly, and the pluck and perseverance to follow a chosen path to the end.

It means, too, an elasticity of mind that moves with the times, that picks out stepping-stones to advancement instead of loitering in dreary byeways.

There is nothing in the least sloppy about real spirituality. It is manhood in its highest manifestation. It is the stuff of which all pioneers and martyrs are made.

But it has its price. There are few who are willing to follow along the road it points. If you really develop your spirituality you are going to risk the loss of your friends—the loss, that is, of real, intimate mental contact and even the feeling that your nearest and dearest are drifting away.

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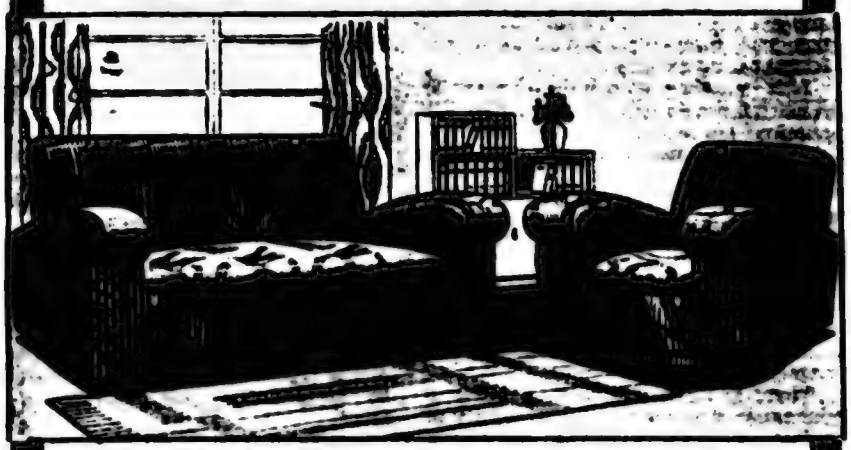

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August, 1935	Automatic Tuning Correction.	A.28 D.28	At the time this was "the only set in the world that tunes itself." Similar sets are still being acclaimed in America as "radio's greatest innovation."
January, 1937	A.B.C. Tuning ..	33, 34 36, 38 series	Sixty Station Names in Alphabetical order on the Tuning Scale. Another step forward in making things simple.
March, 1937	Electrical easy tuning on short waves.	A.36 D.36	This new easy tuning of short waves overcomes the uncertainty of mechanical methods. Amateur experimenters have used a somewhat similar system for some time, but no one previously has used it in sets you can buy. "Electrical expansion" is now being boosted in America as the "last word."

I give you this list not just to show off, but for two reasons. First to give credit where credit is "doo," and second so that you can see that the things we claim to have pioneered are all worth-while. There are no stunts or gadgets or freak items amongst them. Next time you see the claim about "every worth-while advance" you might say to yourself—"No, not *every* one."

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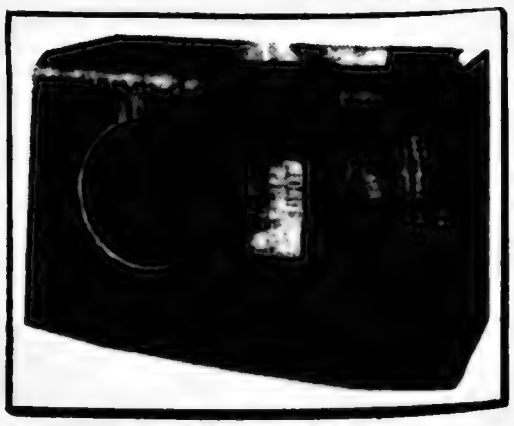

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On the Trail of the SHAM SLEUTH

ALARMED at a fast-growing racket that is daily bringing more and more homes to ruin, Scotland Yard is declaring vigorous and relentless war on—"detectives."

The criminals it will set out to trap will not have official warrant cards in their pockets. They are the men and women who pass themselves off as "private detectives" or "confidential enquiry agents" for fraudulent purposes.

During the past two or three years their businesses have been springing up like mushrooms in London and the bigger provincial towns. Only a small proportion of them are reputable.

The majority are completely spurious and constitute a grave public danger that can no longer go unchallenged.

Within the space of 18 months upwards of 70 bogus detective agencies, some merely one-man concerns trading under fancy names, have come under official notice in this country, usually through people being forced to complain to the police of unsatisfactory dealings with them.

Growing menace

In many cases investigation revealed that the controlling sleuths were either ex-convicts with bad records, or individuals well known in police records as belonging to the criminal class.

These figures, remarkable and significant though they are, do not surprise us. JOHN BULL knows from experience how steadily the menace of the bogus detective has been growing recently.

Our files contain details of homes ruined, men and women swindled and blackmailed, victims reduced to penury through rogues flourishing in this vile trade.

Incredible though it may seem, anybody—a lad straight from school, a lunatic, a blackmailer, or a jail-bird of the worst type—can establish a private enquiry agency without permission or the need to conform to any rule or regulation.

This is one reason why so many crooks are turning "detective." Another is that "clients" are easy to find if sought in the proper way.

All that is needed is an office, an impressive trading name, furniture on the hire-purchase, well-got-up printed matter, and, of course, the requisite audacity.

Not long ago a man who assumed an alias for the purpose took a two-roomed office in Hallam Street, London, W. He called his agency the "Central Detective Bureau," and began to solicit clients in the guise of a skilled investigator with many years' legal and police experience.

True, he possessed certain knowledge of both, but not in the direction implied in his advertisements.

Many victims

His notepaper intimated that he specialised in "Divorce, Blackmail, Matrimonial matters and Debts," and within a few months he had a string of victims who had paid for worthless services.

In addition, a number of aspiring detectives parted with substantial amounts for the privilege of learning to become enquiry agents.

Suddenly, the "Central Detective Bureau" closed its doors. Its proprietor vanished.

A warrant had been issued for his arrest on fraud charges elsewhere, and that was an end of the matter so far as Hallam Street was concerned.

Only a stone's throw away, and within a month or two of this rogue's disappearance, detectives attached to

Many a trusting client has parted with money to a bogus detective who has led her to ruin

Albany Street police station arrested two men for being concerned in the illicit sale of arms.

Both were associated actively with notorious criminals, and enquiries following their arrest showed they were jointly running a private enquiry agency in another district, and calling themselves a "bureaux."

Blackmailed

While, in these instances, the victims were people whose money was obtained by false pretences, some "detective" impostors specialise in a more monstrous class of crime.

They get hold of clients who need no persuasion to disclose confidential information about themselves, not realising that they are submitting themselves to lasting extortion.

About two years ago two such men opened an agency in Euston Road, London. They got in touch with a woman who was seeking divorce from her husband so that she might marry a wealthy admirer.

The husband, interviewed by one of the two men, said he was willing to assist in an "arranged" divorce as he, too, wanted to marry again.

In her statements to the "enquiry agents," the woman admitted she had been concerned with another man who she did not think would do anything likely to stop her divorce.

The agents even went so far as to make her state, in writing, that this man could, if necessary, be "bought off."

In due course the divorce reached the decree nisi stage.

An accomplice of the "enquiry agents" blandly told the woman he knew about her past associations and would communicate with the King's Proctor if she did not pay up.

Terrified, she consulted the man she hoped to marry. He, too, had been approached in a similar way by another blackmailer.

Both being afraid to take action in view of their part in the conspiracy themselves and their sworn false affidavits, they paid heavily.

Three demands were made, and met, before the matter ended, and this only came about when one of the men was arrested on a charge of "inducing a person to execute a valuable security by threatening to accuse him of a crime."

Norman Stuart, real name Wilson, who is in jail for a series of frauds, was another of these "private enquiry agents."

That Stuart stopped at nothing may be gauged from the fact that he was one of the original members of a gang of blackmailers which extracted £60,000 from a victim who had sought its advice!

In another case, dealt with recently by Superintendent Sands, of Scotland Yard, a number of men set out to rob a financier who had reason to keep dead secret part of his past.

Their enquiries, made at the instance of some of this man's dupes, prompted him to refund several thousands of pounds he had obtained.

They charged substantial commission on these refundments and, at the same time, blackmailed the financier by threatening to expose their "discoveries" about his career.

Sent to jail

After he had parted with thousands of pounds and when almost desperate with worry, he decided to prosecute them. Two of their number were sent to prison.

A Chiswick woman "with a past" is another victim of such blackmailers.

Consulting a firm with temporary offices in West London, she was induced to swear an affidavit containing untrue statements.

On the threat of disclosing the truth to her husband they persuaded this woman into their blackmail trap, and "rooked" her shamefully.

One of the worst cases recorded concerns a private enquiry agent still in business.

A gang extracted £8,000 from a woman. The evidence shows indisputably that this enquiry agent was the ringleader in inveigling the woman into a false position after she had consulted him about a love affair which she was keeping secret from her husband.

Then there is the Maidstone man who, at a fashionable London hotel, met a woman who said she was single. He started visiting her flat, and was later astonished to receive a visit from a man who said he was a private enquiry agent.

He explained calmly that he had been engaged for some time by the woman's "husband," and his instructions were to institute divorce proceedings.

The Maidstone man was dumbfounded. An interview was arranged in London at which the woman and her husband were to be present.

It was part of the plot that the woman should "admit everything." The victim asked the price of compromise, as publicity would ruin him.

He is poorer to-day by several thousands of pounds, and lately visited Scotland Yard in the hope of frightening off his pursuers.

Another private enquiry agent who has amassed a small fortune by spying on clients and selling their secrets to blackmailers is well known to the police.

He works with a man who could have become a solicitor had he kept to the straight path, and once "settled" in full an inspired claim made against a titled man by a lady who alleged he had grievously assaulted her while he was intoxicated.

Acting for the woman as "enquiry agent" and, in like rôle, he "did his best" to save the noted personage concerned the undesirable publicity which would ensue if the matter went to court.

Action needed

The "evidence" brought forward in support of the supposed offence was faked, the "offence" never took place at all, and the whole business was one monstrous piece of "private detective blackmail."

Other provincial towns in which victims of these pests can be found are Liverpool, Edinburgh, Hull, Reading, Oxford, Birmingham, Southsea, in all of which recent cases have been reported.

Even in the less serious form of "detective" fraud, where bogus enquiry agents take money and do nothing tangible for it, the matter is serious enough. But where dupes are deliberately ensnared into bloodsucking schemes the evil calls for the most stringent action.

The reasons why victims, for the most part, are not anxious to institute criminal proceedings are obvious enough.

That shows how pressing is the need for the Government to do something to curb the menace by legislation.

Several judges have drawn attention to the evil. Three of them are Mr. Justice Goddard, Mr. Justice Swift and Mr. Justice du Parcq.

Why isn't something done?

In the United States, where the "detective" racket was at its height 30 years ago, every private investigator has to be registered with a State body and lodge a deed of his financial integrity before he is permitted to trade.

Why can't that be enforced here?

All reputable enquiry agents would welcome it. So, too, would we!

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Magistrates go to School

WITH his hands clutching the dock rails, and speaking with marked emotion, a prisoner made a remarkable appeal recently to the chairman of the Middlesex Sessions.

He was Arthur Hill Martin, 25, and he had pleaded guilty to stealing a box and its contents from an Alperton firm.

"From the earliest days I can remember—from the age of six or so—I cannot recall a month when I have not done something criminal," he said. "There is an irresistible urge in my nature to steal and I cannot control this urge. . . .

"I have £37 in my pocket and yet I steal and get nothing but a box of pencils. *I am quite sure that if I were given psychological treatment this terrible urge could be eradicated.*"

Martin, obviously anxious to reform himself, had heard of the astonishing progress which is being made to-day in the treatment of crime by curative methods. He wanted to undergo a course himself.

Unfortunately, he is not to be permitted to do so. Sir Reginald Coventry, K.C., who heard that moving appeal, turned down the request.

"You had only been out of prison one month when you committed this crime," he remarked. And so, instead of scientific treatment, Martin has gone back to prison for eighteen months.

Whether he would have yielded to a course of "psycholopathy," as the treatment is known, one cannot say.

BUT others—many with far worse criminal records than his—have steadily returned to normal, law-abiding lives after undergoing such treatment at the Tavistock Clinic, Bloomsbury, London.

At this establishment, which used to be known as the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency, some of the greatest medical experts in the land are devoting their spare time to the scientific reformation of the criminal.

The clinic was begun under the auspices of many of our most eminent doctors, including Lord Horder and Lord Dawson of Penn. Patrons have among their distinguished number the Archbishop of York and Mr. H. G. Wells.

Fifty specialists not only give their services free, but lose a considerable amount in private fees in their generous to assist in making a success of this new medical battle against crime.

During the last two or three years more than 200 cases a year have been sent there for treatment, and something like 60 per cent. have been partial successes. The "patients" were sent there by judges, magistrates and probation officers, often when jail loomed very near.

But not enough magistrates, by far, have taken advantage of the scheme, and that is why a dramatic step has been made by the authorities.

They have opened, in the clinic itself, a "school" for magistrates!

The "school" is the first of its kind ever known. Justices of the peace from all parts of the country will attend, once a month, for lessons about the causes of crime and the curative effect of "psycholopathy."

On a recent evening magistrates from Central London, Beckenham, Southport, Huntingdon, Croydon and other places attended the first of the lessons which are to be given by Dr. J. A. Hadfield, lecturer in mental hygiene at the University of London, Dr. Denis Carroll, co-director of the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency, and Dr. Emanuel Miller, the noted physician, who is a great authority on the cause of criminal tendencies in childhood.

A class of magistrates sat in the clinic "school-room" and heard all about the development of psycho-analysis in its relation to their work.

They were told how the criminal results of confirmed drunkenness, violence, sexual aberration and various criminal propensities were in many cases caused entirely by deficient or abnormal glands.

Instances were given where prisoners, provided with proper attention and treatment at the clinic, had yielded far more easily to the treatment than they would have done to a dose of imprisonment.

INFORMATION was handed to the magisterial "scholars" which revealed how many supposed criminals, after examination at the clinic, had been found to be temporarily unbalanced people suffering from gland disturbance, mental trouble, poisons in the blood streams and a score of other buried troubles.

"Magistrates, above all," they were told, "must have their eyes opened to the necessity of understanding the psychology of crime." Every aspect of the problem will be probed at these magisterial courses of instruction and learning.

The medical experts will endeavour to show that in a large number of cases the "treatment" meted out to prisoners by magistrates in the past has been of the wrong kind—"like the old bottle of medicine, entirely useless," as one speaker said.

And magistrates, for the most part, are welcoming the establishment of this new school. Some have already expressed their desire to take up the fullest form of training that can be laid open to them.

ONE of the magistrates who has decided to follow the clinic's advice in certain cases had a young man before him at Croydon the other day who pleaded guilty to assaulting an eleven-year-old girl.

After hearing the evidence, the magistrate decided that the offence had been committed under the impulse of sex, and said that the offender could, with proper treatment, be cured of bad habits.

He ordered him to undergo a course of psychological training. "It will cost you 5s. a visit," he said, "but it is worth it. If you fail to go you will be brought back here and punished."

A man was before the West London magistrate some time ago on a charge of stealing from cars.

He pleaded guilty, and said that, at certain times, "it was an obsession with him to do so." He had nine previous convictions against him, mostly for the same class of crime.

After the magistrate had sentenced him on this occasion, a suggestion was made that the man should go in for a course of "psycholopathy." Remarking that prison had not done him any good, the magistrate agreed, and the man is being steadily cured.

In another case, at Marylebone, a man was convicted of a certain charge.

He told the magistrate that he "simply *had*" to do unpleasant things at times when he seemed to lose all control of himself. He had fought against it again and again, but had succumbed on the occasion on which he was caught because he couldn't resist temptation.

The magistrate said he ought to send him to jail in the ordinary course of events, but, in view of the existence of the Tavistock Clinic, and the great work it was doing in a difficult problem, he would order him there for a course of treatment if he promised to give all the help he could to the doctors there.

That man has never looked back.

Yet, as he himself said at the time of his appearance in court, "a prison sentence would blast my career."

Another case is that of a man who committed an offence recently just a few weeks after coming out of jail for one of precisely the same character.

Mr. Justice Atkinson was the judge who tried the man on the second occasion, and he said that it seemed hopeless to send him to prison again. So a course of psycho-analysis treatment was agreed upon.

Sometimes criminal tendencies are due to physical ailments, or to unbalanced emotions in moments of anxiety or crisis. Poverty, wrong upbringing and unemployment are also common causes.

The doctors at the Tavistock Clinic have separate methods to cope with one and all of them.

Sometimes, of course, the treatment fails. When it does, hope is not given up.

Rather than allow a case to "drift," renewed effort is made to bring about the desired result.

A case in this category concerns a middle-aged woman who appeared in the dock in West London a few weeks ago on a charge of petty pilfering. She walked into a store and slipped a pair of gloves and a belt, worth 7s. 5½d., into a paper bag.

Her medical history showed that almost all her life she had had periodical temptation to take small articles, although she had plenty of money to pay for them. Most of the things she stole were immediately laid aside as of no use to her at all!

MONTHS before her last lapse she was "psycho-analysed" and kept out of trouble until she heard that it was necessary for her to see her husband again after a long absence. Sudden emotional stimulus gripped her, and she walked into the store and stole the gloves and belt.

Some people might think this silly, might laugh at it.

The "psycholopathy" experts know different, and hope to cure her yet.

Thus the medical war against crime marches on.

And, with magistrates now being so competently "schooled" in the secrets and mysteries of crime psychology, one can confidently anticipate a marked drop in the number of prison sentences which so often do more harm than good.

Helping Hands

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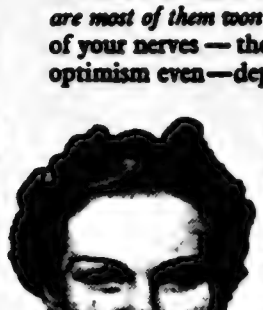

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Farmers of the Future

ON Wednesday, October 20, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. W. S. Morrison, will address the annual meeting of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. The Duke of Norfolk will preside.

Your reaction to this news item is probably, "So what?" Most likely you've never heard of the N.F.Y.F.C. Very few townsfolk ever have heard of it. More's the pity.

It is an organisation worth knowing something about, for, very quietly, it is doing far more towards providing for the physical and mental well-being of future citizens than many other much-boosted organisations.

One of the greatest curses of the post-war period was the flow of rural populations to already overcrowded towns and cities.

One of the objects of the Federation is to stem that flow by developing a love, knowledge and understanding of country life and encouraging the young generation to take an intelligent interest in the things of the earth and the problems connected with them. It also aims to widen the interests and activities of country dwellers.

No distinction

A great deal has been done for the social and recreational needs of youth in towns since the war. But until the foundation of the Young Farmers' movement practically nothing had been done in this direction for the youth of rural districts.

As more than one member of a Young Farmers' club has said: "Until the club was formed in our village, there was nothing to do and nowhere to go." This lack of interests and occupation has been responsible for some of the worst features of rural life.

A Young Farmers' club is a group of boys and girls between the ages of ten and twenty-one banded together under the guidance of an adult club leader with the primary object of rearing something that lives and grows—a calf, a pig, chickens, rabbits, bees or plants in a garden plot.

There is no distinction of class or creed. Members are the children of labourers, farmers, or people of any other occupation.

An idea of the popularity of the clubs may be gathered from the fact that as a result of repeated requests from members who had reached the age limit the Federation had to make a new ruling last year allowing them to remain in the clubs on condition that they did not compete with the young members and took no part in the running of the club.

Rapid growth

Eloquent, too, of the need this movement fulfilled is its mushroom growth since it began in 1921. In that year a few clubs were founded in the South of England. Three years later there were 13 clubs with a membership of 254, and the Ministry of Agriculture, realising the value of the movement, took it under its wing.

In 1928, when the National Council of Social Service took control, the number of clubs and the total membership had tripled.

By 1932 membership of the 94 clubs had grown to 1,869, and it was evident that if the movement was to develop properly it could no longer be run as an offshoot of some other organisation. The National Federation was therefore formed, and in the past five years the growth of the organisation has been phenomenal. Soon after the formation of the Federation the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, visiting one of the clubs in Nottinghamshire, said: "If you think a Young Farmers' club would be useful in the village, don't go on talking about it, but start it."

Each year livestock is distributed among members of the Young Farmers' Club by ballot. Here they are seen drawing for calves

To-day there are 300 clubs all over the country, with a membership of nearly 8,000.

In the past year alone 70 new clubs have been formed.

These clubs are self-governing communities providing the rural youth of Britain with education in its broadest sense. The officials of a club are ordinary members elected to office for a period of a year.

Meetings, usually held at least once a month in a village hall, are presided over by a young club member serving his or her period of office as chairman. Minutes are prepared and read by the secretary, who is also a club member, and the accounts are kept by a young treasurer. The adult club leader acts only as guide, counsellor and friend, and he intervenes in the proceedings only when some difficulty arises on which his advice is sought.

Although the activities of these clubs includes small social functions, lectures, debates and physical training, the fundamental business is to provide each member with something that lives and grows, and to teach him or her to tend it scientifically and rear it on economic lines.

The last point is considered important, for members are taught to regard their task as a business enterprise and not merely as a hobby.

Choice between livestock and plants depends essentially on the district. In urban districts, rabbits, chickens and bees are kept and small allotments worked.

There are Young Farmers' clubs as near London as Ilford, and in one of the poorest quarters of the East End a group of children, none of whom had ever before seen a plant in the soil, converted a strip of waste ground into a profitable little garden.

In the country, calves and pigs are the most popular stock, with ploughing, hedging, thatching and similar activities as sidelines.

The average membership of a club, the subscription to which is usually about half-a-crown a year, is twenty-five, and most of the clubs specialise in one class of livestock.

At the beginning of the season the Advisory Committee, composed of farmers or local social workers experienced in farm management, buys as many animals as there are members. As at this stage in their development few clubs have much capital, the purchase money is raised by overdraft from the local bank or by loan from a branch of the Farmers' Union on the personal guarantee of a member of the Advisory Committee.

Raised standard

Animals are insured, valued, ear-marked and handed over to the young members. The boy or girl takes the animal home and rears it, keeping all the accounts and records relating to the cost of its feed and reporting on its progress at the club meetings.

Each member is individually responsible for the care and feeding of his or her animal, but advice and lectures on feeding are given by members of the local council staffs and the club Advisory Committees. At the end of the year a show is held, cups and prizes awarded, and the animals put up for sale. After repayment of the original purchase price, 10 per cent. of the profits are contributed to the club's reserve fund (the aim being to make each club self-supporting), the remainder being taken by the youngster who reared the animal.

Not only have club members had remarkable successes at shows all over the country, but their carefully kept records of the feeding costs and the improved methods they have learned to employ have had a marked effect in raising the general standard of rearing.

Still more important than the successes of the club cattle and produce are the successful careers which these clubs have enabled youngsters to carve out for themselves.

A great many boys have gone from the clubs to become executives of the National Farmers' Union.

And though the majority of members are the children of labourers having no more than an elementary school education there is not an agricultural college or institute in the country to which members have not obtained scholarships as a direct result of their club training.

Romances, too

A typical example is that of a labourer's son who, after winning a scholarship to Reading University, won a diploma in dairy farming and went on to obtain a good post as lecturer under the Milk Publicity Council.

The proportion of boys to girls is about two to one, but girl members are by no means the least enthusiastic nor less successful in competition.

Miss Joyce Holland, for example. Miss Holland was a member of the Collingham (Notts) Young Farmers' Club when she won a scholarship to the Midland Agricultural College. There she gained the Paget Memorial Prize offered by the National Pig Breeders' Association for the best essay on pigs. She is now doing dairy analytical work.

The marriage rate among members of these clubs is high, which the Federation consider all to the good. These romances, born of mutual interests, have the best chance of success, and each one drives new roots into the soil of England.

Even when the couples do not remain on the land they bring to town life a healthy understanding of the problems of the country. The latest engagement reported to the Federation, which follows these romances with a sympathetic eye, is between the young founder of the Goodmayes Y.F.C. and his club treasurer.

Excellent work has been done by the Federation in conjunction with the Land Settlement Association in the depressed areas.

Clubs for unemployed boys have been started in Glamorgan and at Stockton-on-Tees, and the latest development is the formation of Young Farmers' clubs for the children of unemployed families moved south under the Land Settlement scheme.

Politics and You

BACK to WORK

THE House of Commons is about to reassemble. The Cabinet has been busy behind the scenes getting ready. Its programme for the forthcoming session will be announced by the King when he opens Parliament in ten days' time.

What new legislation have Ministers got up their sleeves?

Prominent among the measures they intend to propose will be Bills to deal with the marketing of milk, cheese, butter and bacon. To these they mean to add suggestions for the better organisation of poultry-raising.

They are going to tackle these things both because of the shocking muddle that has arisen under the regulations now in force and because they are frightened at the growing antagonism towards them of the farming community, hitherto their strong supporters.

They also think that legislation of this kind will lead the housewife to believe that they are doing all they can to stem the rising cost of living.

A Bill will be forthcoming to reorganise electricity distribution. In its present form, however, this will be strenuously resisted by most local authorities.

Legislation will be promised to end the scandal of share-pushing. This will follow the broad outline of the Bodkin Report. Suggestions may also be made to reform the present penal system.

The National Insurance Acts are to be extended to boys and girls just leaving school. Coal royalties are to be nationalised and, if time, powers taken forcibly to amalgamate, where necessary, colliery undertakings.

There is also an expectation that blind people are to be given pensions at 40 and removed from all connection with public assistance committees.

If this is true, it is, indeed, good news.

The LONELIEST

—and a terrible job, too, for the seven hundred men on the lightships round our shores

GULL, Nore, Sunk and *Varne; Casquets* and *Kentish Knock, Goodwins* and *Galloper*. Queer names, that do not mean much to the millions who make their living on shore. But to tens of thousands of sailormen (and we are a maritime nation) they are as friendly and familiar as the names of your streets.

For they are the names of lightships, which are the lamp-posts of the sea. . . .

And just now the Lightship Service, one of Britain's most important jobs — although it is among the loneliest and the least known—is in the news.

First of all there was the bald announcement the other day that the Board of Trade intended to get an Order in Council to raise all "light dues" by 25 per cent.

"Light dues," the sums—ranging from 1d. to 2½d. per ton per voyage—which are levied on all vessels using British waters. These dues total about £900,000 per annum, and are used for the upkeep of lights, beacons, buoys, etc.

So that increase means over £200,000 a year into the coffers of the Board of Trade and the Trinity House Commissioners, who administer all lights.

★ The suggestion is that this extra levy (which will be passed on to the public in increased freight and passenger rates) is needed to improve the Lightship Service.

Then, while this announcement was being made, came the news that a commission has been sitting to decide whether, in view of wireless beacons and other aids to navigation, some of Britain's fifty lightships could not be scrapped.

And there has been an admission that nearly half of them are obsolete anyway; that if they are to go on they should be replaced by modern vessels, fitted with adequate comforts for their crews and up-to-date equipment for their job. Lastly (but not given half the prominence of the other two items) there has been a short account of the battle which the lightship crews have been making for decent conditions and fair pay. Often, in the past, the Lightship Service has been called the "silent service" and the "service that never strikes"—meaning, perhaps, that it does not shout as loudly as some of the others.

But there has been a limit apparently to even this Service's silence and endurance. Last June the Transport and General Workers' Union haled the Trinity House Commissioners before the Industrial Courts.

★ The Union's demands were not excessive, and they can be briefly stated. First, for the men who actually serve on the lightships, it was asked that they should spend only one month afloat and one ashore, instead of, as now, two months afloat and one ashore.

And, second, for the men on the steam and motor vessels, which are continually going backward and forward with reliefs and stores for lightships and lighthouses, it was asked that they should have a 4d. a day rise after every three years' service.

At present the basic pay of a seaman engaged in this arduous and often hazardous work is £2 10s. 9d. a week. To earn this noble sum he must submit to a host of regulations; for recruitment into the Service is by no means open to any Tom, Dick, or Harry. Once in, there is no prospect of promotion except to winch-driver or coxswain, when, after even thirty years of service, he cannot hope to earn more than £2 14s. 4d. a week.

But they are not going to get their three-years' rise of 4d. a day; and the men on the lightships must continue to spend their two months at sea, cooped up in a steel or wooden shell in all weathers, for every month they spend ashore.

Now the decisions of the Industrial Court do not get as much publicity as, say, the doings in the police courts; and, in view of the small number of men involved (there are less than 700 officers and men, all told, in the Lightship Service), a good many people may be inclined to say: "Well—why bother?"

But that is not our attitude. Nor, apparently, is it the attitude of the Transport Union, which secured the ablest possible presentation of the men's case before the Industrial Court.

But mostly the lack of publicity and interest about this little battle springs from the general public's lack of knowledge about the life of the lightshipmen.

Usually, we on shore hear about them only once a year, at the annual Christmas ritual when the mayors of seaside towns go out to the lightships (if the weather is good enough) with tobacco, magazines and mistletoe and gifts from the charitable.

Otherwise, we hear about them only when a vessel breaks adrift before the battering of winter gales (the first SOS ever sent out came from the East Goodwins Lightship in December, 1895—wireless experiments were going on at the time she smashed away from her moorings), or when their crews are beleaguered by mountainous seas and deprived of relief for a month beyond their time (like the East Wexford Lightship last February); or, as often happens, the men leave their ship to go to some vessel in distress, which the shore lifeboats are not likely to reach in time.

A little insight into the less spectacular side of the lightshipmen's life, their day-to-day work, as it were, might enable us to assess the justice and the necessity of their claims to more reasonable conditions and better pay.

The October "reliefs" are on, and from the Thames, Mersey, Clyde and other centres the Trinity House "relief" vessels have gone out on their round of the lightships. The Thames vessel steams away from Trinity Wharf, her decks cluttered high with bags of stove coal, barrels of oil and coils of rope—and also with thirty men who will take up a lonely two months' vigil at one or other of the North Sea or Channel lightships.

★ At each vessel three men clamber on board and three men leave the lightship for their month's break ashore. Only half of the lightship's crew of seven is relieved at each visit.

The three relieved men do not go ashore to a month's holiday, as some people believe. They work in the yards, painting and chipping lightbuoys, assembling stores and doing similar jobs until their month is up and it is time for their two months' sea duty again.

Before the Industrial Court it was claimed that the men's sea duties are not arduous compared with men in the Mercantile Marine and that their pay "compares favourably." But the differences between the two jobs cannot be weighed up as simply as that. A Mercantile Marine seaman seldom puts in more than seventy hours a week, but on the lightships there are often "special duties" which bring the total up to eighty-four hours a week.

And there are human factors which would make the lightship job unendurable to many seamen. It is one thing, for instance, to be on a ship going somewhere with constant change of scene and weather; and quite another to be moored out at sea, chained up for sixty days in the chill isolation of a sandbank.

There are plenty of people who will knock on the wall when the neighbours' radio gets going. How would they like to turn in with a fog-horn bellowing at intervals overhead, a fog-horn with a five-mile range?

Lightshipmen may get used to it—but it's not exactly a lullaby. And that fog-horn has to be kept going while the fog lasts, which, in British waters, might be days. And, unlike a ship, it cannot move out of that maddening din. It has to stay there.

There are more of what you might call human factors. How many people know, for instance, that lightshipmen "keep themselves"? A Mercantile Marine seaman does not.

When our three men board the lightship to take up their two months' watch they take with them as much fresh food as they can carry or the family budget allow. When that runs out they live on salted or canned foods until the monthly relief ship comes round with a fresh supply from their homes.

If it is bad weather, when, as we have seen, the relief may be as much as a month overdue, they fall back on "iron rations," emergency rations provided by the Trinity House.

That diet, the restricted amount of fresh food, may be the cause of the many cases of gastric trouble among lightshipmen, of which the Transport Union officials spoke before the Industrial Court.

On any steamship there are ice-boxes and refrigerators for the storage of food and keeping it fresh over long periods. To find such equipment on a lightship is an exception. However well their wives may supply the lightshipmen, there is a limit to the time food will keep fresh. And the weather may shorten that supply.

Another cause of ill-health may be the lack of exercise available to the men, their poor accommodation and the frequent strain of their duties.

Living an isolated existence, cooped up with only six other men in a tiny anchored shell for sixty days, is not conducive to good health.

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A relief boat approaching one of the Bristol Channel lightships with stores. Heavy October seas made it a four-day job instead of the customary two

people all that time. The men have nothing to talk about except their work. And there is the strain of their existence.

Not nice to be tied up on a sandbank enveloped in fog. It is not long ago since a 10,000-ton liner loomed out of the fog and crashed into the *Gull* lightship, trapping and killing the master in his cabin only a week or two before he would have retired from service.

★ Not nice to live a lifetime on a half-tide rock when winter gales spring up and seas smash aboard. No engines to turn the ship round to the weather to mitigate the discomfort and the damage.

And about that accommodation which we mentioned above? On the older lightships (which is most of them) the fo'csle is one room forward with hammocks slung from the roof, a table, and a few benches.

The men try to make it as bright and homelike as possible with coloured calendars and pictures from home, and sometimes (to keep up their link with the land?) a few plants like geraniums in pots or window-boxes.

It is enough, perhaps, according to the old traditions of the sea, but not as good as the seamen's accommodation aboard most steamships, barely as good as the new minimum provisions which will apply to all steamships. Certainly not good enough for men who must spend sixty lonely days within it. Lightships are as spotless as any ships on the sea. No battleship has decks more bleached with scouring, or whose brasswork is polished to a more golden sheen.

But, in a way, that very immaculateness (and they are proud enough of it, of course) achieved by those seven men is a sidelight on the boredom of their existence. "Spit and polish" all the time to keep themselves occupied and break the terrible monotony.

Since comparisons with the merchant service are continually introduced to defeat the men's claims for better conditions it is as well to point out that there are few voyages nowadays which are more than a month between shore and shore.

And it would not appear much to ask that the lightshipmen should be given a monthly spell ashore, too. But the Board of Trade, which holds the purse strings, has beaten that claim again.

One point it made was that if the men only spent a month afloat it would be hard to find them all jobs for their month ashore.

★ And it would mean more expense in clerical staff! As if that mattered, particularly when there are ordinary modern ideas of civilised working conditions to be taken into sympathetic consideration. And when, anyway, the Board of Trade is going to "sting" the shipping industry another £200,000 per annum for the Lights Service.

One slight victory was secured by the Transport Union's plea. The Industrial Court in its judgment said that the supply and storage of provisions for the men afloat "might also with advantage be considered." We should think so.

As for the men on the relief vessels, they have just as good a ground for their claims when, as seems inevitable, the whole question of conditions in the Lightship Service crops up again. Their job is just as hazardous as that of a merchant seaman.

How often do we read of these small relief vessels battling out in weather that keeps many big ships in shelter, so they can get to their comrades with fresh food and stores to keep the lights burning.

And their job is highly specialised as well as often dangerous. Why should they receive less pay than a steamship seaman and be debarred from the promotion of rising scales of pay that every Government servant gets, even the most ordinary messenger or doorkeeper?

As far as the Lightship Service itself is concerned — the fifty ships and their varying necessities and equipment—that problem is receiving the full attention of the authorities. And not before time.

Nineteen of them, all wooden built and obsolete (some of them are not much better than the old *Nore* lightship—the first lightship built 200 years ago), are to be replaced by modern vessels with 500,000 candle-power beams, with a range of ten miles, automatic fog signals, wireless and other gadgets. It seems a bit queer that at the same time as this rebuilding programme is in hand another Committee should be sitting to decide whether many light stations could not be dispensed with altogether, but who are we to comprehend the whims of the authorities?

★ It is good enough, of course, that lightship efficiency should be increased. For lightships are guiding marks, lighthouses are warning marks. "Keep away," says the lighthouse; "Come this way," says the lightship. And what's the use of a guiding mark if it is not a good guide?

But at the same time as the bigwigs are considering improving the ships, it would be as well if they did some thinking about improving the lot of the men who have one of the loneliest, most thankless, even while it is among the most important, of all the jobs in Britain.

Not thankless, of course, as far as all men who use the sea are concerned. For them, a lightship has a special, even an affectionate, meaning.

Homeward bound, and however they meet it first—whether its name painted in 12-ft. letters along that familiar hull; or its five-mile bellow calling through sea fog and spume; or its lights at night beckoning in their own set intervals—it is the first sure sign that they are nearing home, that they are "in soundings."

There is not a Mercantile Marine officer or seaman among their many tens of thousands who would not back any move to give the lightshipmen a better deal as workers Let some of the millions of us on land join in that move—and the issue would not be long in doubt.

TRICKS *that* FOOL *the* CROWD

More All-In Wrestling Revelations by a JOHN BULL Investigator

Wrestlers "out of the ring" —an extra thrill for spectators . . .

I AM aware enough of my own shortcomings to know that I daren't enter an all-in wrestling ring as a combatant egged on by a crowd of thousands intent on thrills.

How, then, could I get among the wrestlers themselves without rousing suspicion in their minds? That, I felt, was an essential part of my enquiry into the ballyhoo and trickery of this imported American so-called sport.

To pretend I was a would-be promoter, as I did last week in wresting some of the shadier secrets of the business from agents and others, would have been unfair as far as the wrestlers were concerned. That would have meant deceiving them into expecting jobs when I had no jobs to offer.

Very well, I would seek a job as an all-in wrestler, taking good care that I stopped well short of signing anything in the nature of a contract along the dotted line.

I put on a heavier overcoat than I usually wear, pulled my hat sideways, dug my hands deep in my pockets. A look in a full-length mirror convinced me that I would not look physically incongruous standing before a promoter asking for a job. A slouch improved matters still more, so I didn't feel too awkward when I presented myself to a very important figure in provincial wrestling promotion and said: "I'm thinking of chucking my present job. Is there anything for me in wrestling?"

He regarded me from side to side rather than up and down. I was glad I had thought of that heavy overcoat. "Ever done any?"

"A bit of amateur stuff at Oxford," I said.

"D'you think you've got the stomach for it? It's rough stuff, you know."

"That would be all right. I've got a good physique. But" (this in case I found myself compelled to enter a ring after all!) "I should need to train a fair amount for a few weeks."

"Oh, sure. I shouldn't let you go on and make a fool of yourself."

AFTER that he paused a moment and drummed his pencil, as if wondering whether he dare trust me with a secret.

"You know all-in wrestling is often a fake?" he asked.

"Well, I wasn't certain."

"The great thing is showmanship. You've got to be a good showman. You've got to appeal to the crowd."

"I could do it."

"Very well, then. I'll take you down to the hall one evening and put you with one of the 'refs' there and see how you shape. . . .

"We might be able to make something of you," he continued. "If you shaped at all well I could put you on as the College Boy, with the college crest on your dressing-gown. That sort of thing.

"Then we'd have to match you up with something fierce to make a Swell versus a Terror stunt of it. You'd make yourself fair money if you can do the acting part."

I looked pleased and asked how much cash I would actually get.

"If you were any good you might get £3 or £4 a fight. You might even get £7 or £8 a week."

That point cleared up. I asked him to what an extent my matches would be prearranged, to which he would only answer that "it all depended."

"Last week, for instance," I said, "I saw a wrestler knock his opponent down while in the act of shaking hands. It looked to me as if he had really lost his temper."

"That's all done to please the crowd. If you were knocked down like that you wouldn't be really hurt. Please the crowd's the great thing. That's it. Keep 'em amused. Give 'em plenty of thrills."

I was soon among the wrestlers themselves, and found them quite an interesting crowd of men.

One of them taught me a number of throws and locks, including the head spin, the head throw, the Japanese armlock, the Japanese leg throw, and so on.

"You'll do all right," he told me. "You're a 'knob-on'" (*i.e.*, educated) "bloke, and there's more 'bunce'" (that is, money) "for letter-writers and such-like. What's more, you'll be able to do the acting stuff. You're no good without that."

I informed another man that I had seen him matched against a particular wrestler, and asked whether this opponent had really been beaten.

"No, it was all 'cod,'" he replied. "But he's a better wrestler than me, and he could finish me off whenever he liked if he wanted to."

"Any chance of getting really hurt?"

"No-o-o." This long-drawn-out as if uttered contemptuously. "Yet I did have my shoulder put out by ——. An accident, of course."

"But the Indian deadlock," I said. "I should think that would put you off your food for a day or two."

He laughed at that. "First of all, it's not Indian at all," he replied. "It was invented by an English wrestler. On top of that, it can only be put on you if you deliberately get into position, unless you're a something fool."

Another wrestler agreed that most "victims" of the Indian deadlock allow themselves to be caught in this particular embrace, but denied that there was no risk of injury in the game.

"YOU wouldn't get seriously hurt, but you've got to keep your eyes open. The worst risk is getting your ears mauled."

This particular man I button-holed on his own, and asked plainly whether I was a "mug" to try to earn a living out of the game.

He answered that I was many kinds of mug. "I get a few quid a bout, but it doesn't add up much in the year," he replied. "But I'm an old catch-as-catch-can man, when wrestling was wrestling, you know, and nowadays the Henry Irvings can do better at it than me."

It was some time later that I met the best-educated of all the wrestlers I talked to. He, too, is an old catch-as-catch-can man. He was an amateur in the old days of good "square" wrestling.

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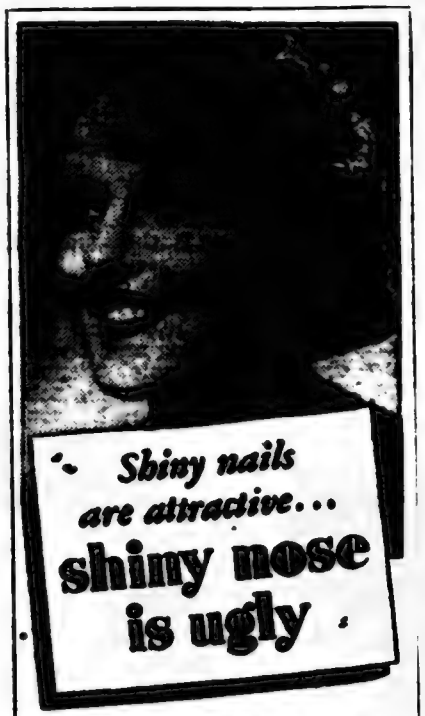

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Continuing—ALL-IN WRESTLING RACKETS

BEATING UP *the* REFEREE

Here is a bona-fide mix-up, but beware of the fakes!

I told him the dirty tricks I was being taught, the showmanship, the fake fury.

"A pity it has to be," he said. "There are people who deliver the genuine article, but a crowd has cut in with spurious goods and spoiled the business. It happens in all businesses unless there are trade unions and bosses' unions to keep out such people."

I told last week how a promoter laughed when I asked whether there wasn't a controlling body of all-in wrestling.

"WHAT about the British Wrestling Board of Control?" I asked this wrestler now.

"There's no such organisation. I did all I could when one was started, but it was no good. Too many unreliable people had got into the business, and so the promoters couldn't make a go of it."

"But some of the stadiums still advertise themselves as being licensed under the British Wrestling Board of Control."

"And true they were, until it pegged out. It only lasted a few months. Collected a bit by way of subscriptions and issued a few licences, and then most of the wrestlers got tired of paying their subs. They said it could do nothing for them."

Answering my question as to why referees do practically nothing to stop all the fouling that goes on, he said: "More than half of 'em don't know anything about the rules. Anyway, they've got to play up to the crowd because it's fouling most of the crowd wants."

"But you get some booing when a foul is committed."

"Exactly. They are the people who would be following clean catch-as-catch-can if it could be revived as a paying spectacle, which it couldn't. They've got to be content with what they get in their district, and they register their contempt when 'All-In' becomes too dirty."

The wrestler asked the next question. "Do you know D'Estelles?" he asked.

"I've heard of him."

"A marvellous wrestler. He carries a weight of about two tons in and out of his house for training. There are few real wrestlers in the world who can compare with him, but there are many who do far better. He doesn't appeal to the crowd.

"And there's another man I know. He's old and he's bald, it's true, but he could beat most all-in wrestlers nine times out of ten. Yet he can't get a job."

Later I was to get confirmation of the fact that most of the spectators of all-in wrestling who are infuriated by fouls are people who long for the return of the old catch-as-catch-can style. A promoter, of all people, confided that in me.

"I should say 25 per cent. of them are that type," he said. "They know all about the tricks, but they have to put up with them. Then I should think 50 per cent. are mugs, really believing that every contest is a fair one.

"Fifteen per cent. go to have a good laugh, and either suspect that most of it is a gigantic swindle or know it is, and the other 10 per cent. are sadists, people who enjoy brutality and think they are getting it."

From this man I learned that some agents bear in mind this rough classification, and try to please all tastes.

I have seen, in the private offices of agents, a list of tricks all-in wrestlers on the books of the particular agency will undertake to perform for the entertainment of a gullible public.

Seizing the second's bottle and threatening to shatter his skull with it has been employed by one particular wrestler in different parts of the country.

There are several men who specialise in throwing a chair into the ring in their mock tantrums.

BREAKING the broom of the man who comes in to sweep up the ring is a popular stunt. Throwing a man out of the ring after he has deliberately put himself into position to be thrown is another.

A particularly hulking wrestler has been taught how, after jumping on each of his opponent's feet, to wring his hands and sob like a child.

It is actually a matter of arrangement in some programmes that a man shall throw the spittoon into the audience or, filling his mouth with the water provided between rounds, shall fountain it out of his mouth at the audience or into the face of his opponent.

In ordinary circumstances ninety-nine spectators out of a hundred would revolt at anything so filthy. But they enjoy the spectacle of impotent rage staged for their benefit at so many all-in wrestling meetings. Therefore they tolerate it.

Another novelty act which certain agents will supply consists of one wrestler hurling his opponent into the audience, following him and then setting about him there. Another consists of stepping out of the ring to put an opponent off his guard, and then, while the man left in the ring is withdrawing into his corner, leaping swiftly back into the ring and setting about him.

These agents like to get hold of big fellows with really good acting ability. They are easier to fix up with certain managements than men whose only claim to an engagement is that they can wrestle.

Then there are the various little deceits for "bringing the mugs along next week." I think different managements have learned a lot from the old trick employed in kinema serials—working the audience up to a certain pitch of excitement and then informing them that they will know what happens next week.

I have already told how one man will be thrown out of the ring to begin a scrap among the ringside seats with one of the spectators, and how that leads to a fight at some announced date.

A cleverer arrangement is for one of the wrestlers to turn on the referee in a careful imitation of blind rage and hit him a series of blows. The result, of course, is that he is disqualified.

While the hubbub still persists the referee loudly proclaims that he could have made cat's-meat of the man if he had been given the chance.

Whereupon the disqualified wrestler comes to the ring to accept the challenge from the referee—*for next week, of course.*

In the course of a dozen test visits to provincial all-in wrestling meetings I saw, among other things:

Gouging the eyes,
Kicking below the belt,
Kneeing in the face,
Striking opponent *and* the referee on the head with a spittoon,
Throwing the referee,
Striking and kicking the M.C.,
Striking an opponent when he is so entangled in the ropes that he gives the impression of being unable to use either arms or legs or extricate himself,
Seizing an opponent's head and running it into the posts of the ring, which are usually padded.

READING through all I have written in this article, it will seem to you to be incredible that such things can happen in a sport so widely adopted by the British public—for remember that many of the biggest provincial towns have halls devoted to "all-in" with a seating accommodation of round about 3,000, and more than £500,000 a year is paid at box-offices by adherents of the "sport."

But what else can be expected when there is no real governing body?

There are several people in the "sport" who, hating all the deception and wangling that has grown round it, and cherishing the idea that it can all be banished, are trying to start a Board of Control that will live this time.

No "sport" that attracts crowds in this country to-day stands so much in need of all-round improvement.

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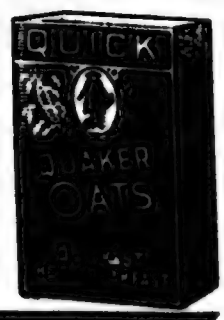

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"WHAT a wonderful photograph!"

That's a remark we often make in these days of super-photography. Nothing, it seems, can escape the winking shutter or all-seeing lens. High-speed aeroplanes, galloping horses, or sprinting athletes, all come alike to the camera, which reproduces them in perfect detail.

And yet, wonderful though these action pictures are, they are only minor miracles in modern photography. In the hands of the scientist and doctor, the camera has become a searchlight to illuminate the hidden mysteries of nature, anatomy, disease, and even the atomic structure of matter itself.

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It has brought new hope to those who suffer from internal trouble. An instrument has now been perfected which takes close-up pictures of the inside of the stomach.

This consists of a tiny double camera, which holds, in all, 16 films, each being less than an inch square. By arrangement of the lenses, 16 photographs can be taken of different parts of the stomach, and, when joined up, give an almost complete picture of the stomach walls. Fixed in between the camera sections is a lamp which provides a blue light of 12,000 candle-power, and the photographs, therefore, are vivid in detail. They tell the doctor infinitely more than an X-ray photograph.

Such a camera, attached to the end of a thin, rubber tube, can be lowered through the throat.

Or, in certain circumstances, an alternative method is to introduce the miniature camera by means of an operation.

This, by the way, is not nearly as fearsome a process as we might imagine. The patient feels nothing and fully recovers within a day or two.

The idea of taking a "close-up" of a stomach-ache is applied somewhat differently when it is desired to secure a "picture" of a splitting headache. X-rays are used for taking photographs of parts of the body which could not be reached other than by an operation.

But more than X-rays are used. Air is injected into the brain, causing the whole interior of the skull to stand out clearly on the plate, and showing quite plainly such dark patches as would indicate sinus trouble, the cause of many severe headaches.

That, however, is only one section of photography's wonders. The camera that photographs atoms is another.

Not long ago, engineers could not explain why certain engines broke down under a weight which they considered quite within the engines' power.

After long and costly experiments, the camera scientist was called in, and he solved the mystery.

A camera which magnifies 50,000,000 times was used. It began to whirr as the engine under test was started up, and it continued to take pictures until the engine suddenly stopped.

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The developed plates revealed the cause. It was the engine oil that was giving way.

Any weight over a certain limit broke down the oil atoms, and so destroyed the oil's greasing properties!

A few more experiments and a substance was added to the oil which enabled it to function under almost any working load.

A new high-speed camera, recently developed, puts the old "slow-motion" film to shame. With this new instrument the blink of an eyelid is a process lasting for minutes, while it makes the movements of a bee's wings appear as cumbrous as the flapping of a large cloth!

In the old "slow-motion" camera pictures were taken at the rate of 192 per second.

In this new instrument more than 2,000 pictures a second can be taken, and the inventors claim that they will soon increase this to 10,000 a second.

This would bring countless other subjects—such as the movement of atoms—within the camera's scope.

Infra-red photography now makes it possible to take pictures of objects more than 300 miles distant, even though there may be layers of fog and smoke in the way.

The survey cameras which take these photographs are loaded with a special film that is sensitive to infra-red rays, those rays that cannot be seen by the human eye.

It is by making use of their penetrative power that these long-distance pictures can be taken, and they are being increasingly used in the preparation of up-to-date maps.

Pictures of bullets in flight, of glass breaking under a blow, or of a tennis ball colliding with a racquet, are now quite common. Glass, for example, is shown developing a series of long cracks as it caves in. For work of this kind an exposure of 1/75,000 of a second is necessary.

But photography marvels are not confined entirely to high-speed work. A slow-motion X-ray camera has now been devised, and its value to doctors and surgeons is almost incalculable.

Before its invention, no more than one or two quick exposures could be taken at a time, owing to the grave risk of burning fleshy tissues. But now a very fast series of X-ray photographs can be taken, in the same time, and the new instrument then slows them down so that the doctor can study them in minute detail.

As a result, he has a complete record in picture form, and when the photographs are taken over a period of weeks, the pictures represent an invaluable close-up pictorial history of the patient's ailment.

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To compare the ordinary vest-pocket type of camera with the very latest in miniature instruments would be like comparing a charabanc with a baby car. Yet these minute cameras, complete with tiny shutters and lens, are capable of taking pictures which, when enlarged, equal in clarity and detail the work of an instrument five times the size.

And, finally, there are the cameras attached to the world's telescopes, delicate instruments which catch, through the telescope's mighty lens, the glimmers of light which may conceivably have taken thousands of years to reach the earth.

The telescope, once trained on a star or comet, follows it across its arc in the heavens, while the faithful camera keeps on recording the flickers of light.

Cameras mean much more to the world than many people imagine. Their value only begins with the photographs of personalities and things.

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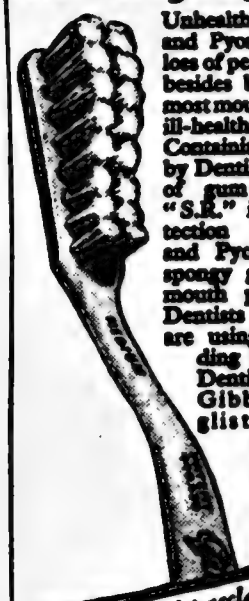

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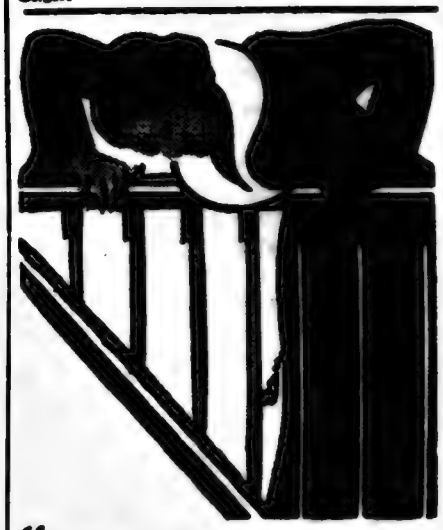

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Forced Crash!

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Conrad Phillips is visiting registered readers in their homes and retelling their big thrill. £5 5s. is paid for each story published. This week's story is from Registered Reader No. 333,528, Mr. G. Brown, 34, Kent Road, Grays, Essex

SOMEWHERE there is a man named Roberts — "Dusty Roberts," as we used to call him. If he happens to read this story, I sincerely hope he gets in touch with me, for I should love to make his acquaintance again.

We met in 1926. Dusty was in Los Angeles trying to break into pictures as a stunt pilot. At the time I was employed by a firm of real estate agents. With a man named Harvey, Dusty and I lived in a bungalow at Culver City, not far from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

Things were very bad in those days. I was the only one in regular employment, and, for the most part, the responsibility of replenishing the ice-box—that is, the larder—fell on my shoulders.

But for all that we were a happy family. What we lacked in the way of material benefits we made up in optimism. At night, when I returned from work, I would find that Dusty had prepared a nice meal, and, with this over, we would sit round the table and talk of the big things we were going to do in the future.

Life went on like this for months. Try as he would, Dusty could not get a job, and the only financial relief I had was when Harvey obtained extra work at the studios.

One night Dusty met me on the doorstep. He was in high spirits.

"The impossible's happened," he said. "I've got a job stunting."

He went on to say that he had to risk his neck making scenes for a war film. The idea was to have a few airplane crashes. For this he was to be paid £2 a day.

The next day they gave him a test. He passed this, and was confident he would make good.

Dusty was a tall, robust young fellow. Although only about twenty-four, he had spent most of his life roaming from place to place and doing all sorts of jobs. He had learned to fly in Montana.

On the next Saturday he invited me to take a flip with him. He had been instructed to test a 'plane which was to be used in the film. His idea was to fly to Bakersfield and back.

I myself never had any ambition to fly. In fact, I had an inherent dread of it. I used always to feel that I would be one of the unlucky people to crash and lose my life, but when I made excuses to Dusty he only laughed.

"You don't know what living is," he said, "until you have been up in the sky." In the end he persuaded me to go along with him.

At the airport I was very reluctant to climb into the passenger's seat. Noticing this, Dusty pulled my leg.

"Don't worry, old man," he said. "It's just as good to die crashing to the earth as it is to die in bed."

Eventually I had no alternative but to join him, and in a few minutes we were soaring into the blue sky. And the higher we climbed the less scared I became.

Soon the buildings of the city below became so small as to be unrecognisable. To the west the Sierra mountains swung into view, making a most beautiful picture. Beyond them I could see a wide stretch of desert, and beyond that the faint outline of a town which was Bakersfield.

With the wind roaring in my ears, I wasn't quite sure how I felt. There were times when I was most exhilarated. That was when I wasn't thinking of the possibilities of crashing to the earth. Generally, however, I would have preferred to have been on the ground.

We had been flying about a quarter of an hour, I suppose, when I noticed that the engine was giving trouble. In front of me I saw Dusty working frantically with his hands and leaning forward in the cockpit. What he was doing I couldn't see, but by his movements I suspected he was in some anxiety.

Peeping over the side, I could see the mountains, with their needle-like peaks, swimming ominously below us. Here and there I could detect the mountain highways like thin ribbons.

Just then the 'plane shivered. As it did so I felt myself gripped with fear.

The possibilities of falling into the mountains were terrifying. I called out to Dusty, but the roar of the engine drowned my voice. A minute later he turned round and shouted something. I couldn't hear, but he looked wild with desperation.

It came to me in a flash that the 'plane was out of control—that we were dropping to certain death.

In a panic I shouted: "What the hell is wrong?"

At the same time the machine rolled and dived towards a mountain.

In a brief second a million thoughts must have rushed through my mind. I thought of my family; my friends; how they would take the news of my death; of the awful end when the crash came.

Below, great valleys yawned like hungry mouths ready to devour me.

It seemed that the entire universe had gone crazy; that I was caught up in some mad whirlpool out of which there was no possible hope of escape.

"What's wrong? What's wrong?" I screamed. But Dusty paid no heed. All I could see was the frantic movements of his body.

Then the engine stopped. As it did so I seemed to be transported into another sphere of being. The rushing air was more noticeable now.

Turning round, Dusty smiled at me. It was a forced, nervous smile—the smile of a man who was doing his best to alleviate the fear of a terrified companion.

"Don't worry," he shouted. "Everything's going to be O.K. Just keep your nerve."

The confident tone of his voice heartened me. I no longer thought of death. I thought only of what he had told me previously of his prowess as a pilot.

We swooped over the mountains towards the desert. In a few minutes, after we had narrowly missed a mountain peak, we flew into the desert. Here Dusty circled for a minute or two, and then flew into the wind. As he did so the earth rushed up to meet us.

I gripped the sides of my seat and closed my eyes.

The next I knew was being thrown into the air and finally falling to the ground. Rolling over several times, I came to a standstill with my head almost buried in the sands.

I was conscious of a terrific pain in my leg. When I sat up I noticed that the 'plane was in flames, but, much to my relief, I saw my companion running towards me.

"Thank God you're all right!" he gasped. Then he told me what had happened. The engine had given out and he had been compelled to make a forced landing.

Three hours later I was being treated in Bakersfield Hospital for a fractured leg. Dusty's injuries consisted only of a few cuts.

When he returned to Los Angeles he was fired. The last I heard of him was flying a passenger 'plane from Chicago to the Coast.

That was my first and last experience of flying.

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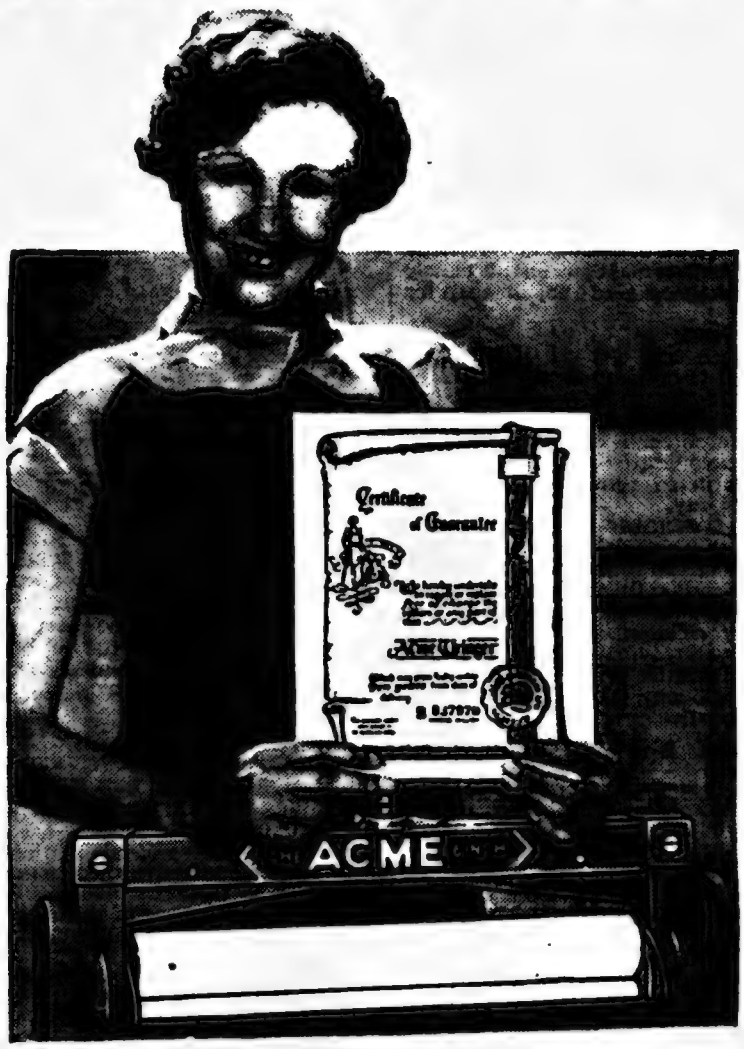

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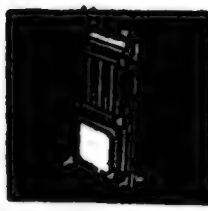

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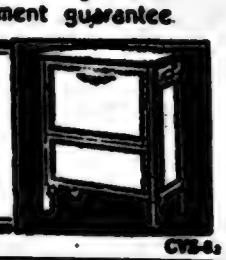

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NEW LIVES for OLD

IS it true that the Welsh miner, the greatest sufferer from unemployment, is a one-job man?

That is what has been freely said of him during the bitter years when pits have closed and wages have ceased to come into little homes in South Wales.

The Welsh miner, say these carpers, can't do any other sort of job, and that's why he is stuck. And that is why, they add, failing a world demand for steam coal, he must remain stuck.

Is this indictment of one of the most gallant and stout-hearted people in these isles based on fact?

Or is it just another of those canards that Truth finds it so difficult to overtake?

It is because many big employers have this opinion of the unemployed Welsh miner that many of them are unemployed to-day.

Brave way out

Are they justified in their attitude?

In order to get the facts JOHN BULL has made an investigation. Here, then, are some of the concrete cases that might be multiplied very many times.

The facts of each of the following cases have been the subject of first-hand investigation, and the real names and addresses of the ex-miners concerned are in the Editor's possession.

Let us see, then, how these representative Welsh miners from South Wales have squared up to their economic problem and found a brave way out.

* * *

John Jones is in the fifties, sturdy and alert. He was a miner, working in the pits of Abertridwr, until he could not get enough time to keep body and soul together.

Taking his courage in both hands, John set out for London. No, he did not take a train. He had not the money. *He walked.* And again—no—he did not put up at pubs. He slept in odd places, under hedges, in barns.

Such details have to be mentioned because they demonstrate the spirit of these people.

In charge

John Jones made for Slough, because he had heard of the Slough Trading Estate.

As he put it, he was prepared to take on any sort of job. After five days a job did turn up—in the cinema, and as odd-job man.

J. J. took it, hung on, well aware that *in a job it is always easier to hear of a job.* Meanwhile, he taught himself the technical side of the projecting room and turned his attention to the electric plant of the whole theatre.

When the projector operator fell ill, John Jones asked for the job and got it.

He has not got that job now, because he is engineer-in-charge of the theatre's plant.

A few years ago he was a miner.

Meet Powys Morgan, thirty-seven, hard as iron, keen-eyed, shrewd. Sixteen years in the pits is his record. To-day he lives in a comfortable little home, is well dressed, keeps a good table and enjoys life.

P. M. was one of the many who were hard hit when Pontypridd began to get the full effects of the slump. He fell out of work and, like J. J., he decided to walk across the British Isles, from one side to the other, to find a job.

Within three weeks of his arrival P. M. was learning the delicate work of assembling one of the most costly of wireless sets on the market—a radically different job from hewing coal.

"I saw that I'd have to study if I was to go ahead," he said, "so I bought books and spent my evenings studying."

To-day this erstwhile miner is supervisor of the assembly department where not long ago he was a raw hand learning first things.

"Life a horror"

"Sixty per cent. of the men working under me," said P. M., "are South Wales ex-miners who came to England like me to find jobs."

Other ex-miners who were taken on in another factory were completely unskilled when they started work. In three weeks they were already graded semi-skilled.

That's all very well, it was asked, but don't they sooner or later get homesick and return to the misery of South Wales?

"We have men here," said one factory manager, "who have been making good for four years. No, they don't seem to get homesick here."

That opinion, however, was not confirmed everywhere.

While these sturdy little men have proved their worth and disposed of the yarn about their inability to take on new jobs for old, a large part of the English colony of Welsh workers were for Wales.

One mother said: "We don't belong here, and the young people are getting more money than they even knew existed. They spend foolishly, and some of them are getting into mischief."

The father of a large family, now well fixed in a good, permanent job, said: "I would rather live in South Wales, where I come from, but I thank God that my children are going to escape conditions in South Wales where life became a horror."

Enquiries elsewhere among the families of the ex-miners now absorbed into English industry produced much the same line of answer.

While more than thankful to have escaped penury and semi-starvation, they would prefer to live on their native soil.

Thus it seems that the ideal solution of the problem that is South Wales is not to be solved by shifting her people from their homes.

This trek into England, like the journey of the Israelites into Canaan, is one made in their desperation.

The Welsh character is home-loving, unlike the roaming Scot.

The real solution is to set up new industries in South Wales, in the same way that the new industries have been set up in many of the English distressed areas.

All that is necessary is to convince the potential employer that there is a large and intelligent reservoir of labour awaiting him.

Put this to the manufacturer, and he replies: "Yes, but I can't afford to train men."

But at Slough they have found it profitable to teach these quickly taught ex-miners.

The miner of South Wales, we are apt to forget, was not always a miner.

Track back a typical miner's family and you will come to a small-holder, a crofter.

The Welsh turned from the land to the mine only when coal came into demand for shipping.

The very fact that the Welsh are miners is definite proof of their adaptability.

New industries have been got going in England. Can they be got going in South Wales?

Strong faith

Our investigation included a visit to South Wales and a tour of the Rhondda Valley.

There local opinion was canvassed. The consensus of opinion was that the men needed only the opportunity to jump at it.

It is because faith is strong in these people that the turning of the first sod at Treforest meant so much. Where that sod was turned a factory will rise. It will be followed by another and another.

Where there is a wide, plain sweep of watered green land to-day an industrial town will come into being.

That is, if the manufacturer will take on these men who stand waiting for work or trek out of the land of their fathers into far-off London to find the work that should be there within reach of their homes.

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Limpet Relations

Human Documents by Philip Inman

Wife versus her husband and mother-in-law. It is unjust for a man to expect his wife to make sacrifices while he makes his mother a too-generous allowance

IF I may judge by my postbag, there is no problem more prevalent than that caused by "in-laws." "Like the poor," says one man, "my in-laws are always with us." "When I married my husband," comments a woman, "I apparently married his family as well."

And a facetious reader writes: "The comedian who makes jokes about a mother-in-law should try mine for a week—he'd find her no joke."

Now, it is always good to air a grievance. And so I propose that we shall look at some of these "in-law" problems.

Here is a letter from a young woman, who tells me that she has been married for three and a half years. She goes on to say:

The first eighteen months were ideally happy, but then my father-in-law died and my mother-in-law came to live with us. From the day she entered the house she caused trouble and eventually things became so unpleasant that I told my husband that either his mother must go or else I would.

The upshot was that his mother went to live with her daughter and I thought that happiness would once more be ours. Alas! that has not been so, for she continues to slander me in her letters, playing on the fact that she was turned out of her son's house.

When she left, my husband made her an allowance, but latterly his wages have been greatly reduced and so my housekeeping money is now less than what he allows his mother.

I have asked him to reduce her allowance, but he refuses. In consequence, we are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and my husband now proposes that we move to a one-roomed flat. I have helped him before when we have struck bad patches and I am willing to do it again, but in the present circumstances I do not consider his suggestion a just one.

I am very fond of him, but the continuous quarrelling is killing my love and ruining my nerves, and as we have no children I think it would be best if we were to separate. Do you think this would be the best thing to do?

There is an old saying that a good son makes a good husband. That does not seem to be true in this case. It is very unjust for this man to expect his wife to make all the sacrifices whilst he continues to make the same generous allowance to his mother. And I can imagine how hurt my correspondent feels about it all, especially as her mother-in-law has caused so much unhappiness.

Now I am asked a very definite question. "Do you think it will be the best thing for us to separate?" My answer is that it would be a great pity if such a drastic step has to be taken. This girl is still very fond of her husband, and if this one trouble could be amicably settled there is no reason why the old happiness should not be restored.

I suggest that she and her husband should put the point at issue to arbitration, and that both of them should agree to abide by the result. They should select some person possessing sound common-sense and human sympathies, preferably a magistrate, a doctor, or a clergyman. I feel sure that a decision could be reached which would be fair and honourable to both sides.

It is always a pity when troubles arise with young people and their in-laws to be. Unless they are cleared up before marriage they are apt to rankle in after years. Take a case like this one:

I have known my young man for six years, but three years ago his work took him away from home and since that time we have met once a fortnight.

Quite recently he was promoted to a salary of nearly £6 a week, and we decided to get married very shortly. But when he mentioned it to his mother and father they strongly objected to our doing so.

The reason is that they paid a premium of £75 to start him in his present position, but for the last three years he has given them 10s. a week, thinking he was repaying the sum loaned to him. His mother said, however, that she had used that money for his keep, although he only goes home once a fortnight. I should add that his father is in a very good position and that they are comfortably off. He told her that he was willing to continue the same payment rather than that we should be prevented from getting married, but her reply was that we must wait another year or so.

I asked her if it would be all right if we waited until next summer, but she would not give us any definite answer. Do you think we should give in to her? She is inclined to be domineering, and if she rules us on this matter, don't you think she always will? Should I agree to marry without their consent if he wishes it? He is nearly twenty-five years old and I am twenty-three.

I have no sympathy with those who expect their children to repay every penny spent on their training and education. Let the son or the daughter do the best they can for their parents. But it must never be at the complete sacrifice of their entire life and happiness. I think the mother in this case is acting both stupidly and selfishly.

What are the facts? Her son has kept company with a girl for six years. During that long time of probation they have learned to care for one another so much that they are both anxious to marry as quickly as possible.

The young man has now achieved promotion and can well afford to marry. From his standpoint, surely a home of his own is preferable to living in lodgings. If his parents were badly off and in need of money there might be some good reason for his postponing his marriage. But that is not the case. Now, naturally this girl does not want to feel that she is responsible for any family quarrel or estrangement.

I suggest that she should have another talk with that mother and see if she cannot be persuaded to change her mind. "I am only anxious for two things," she can say, "your good will and affection and the happiness of your son."

An appeal of that kind may bear fruit. For the sake of all those concerned, I hope it will. But if it should fail, my correspondent has done her best to maintain peaceful relations. And I think that she and her young man would have every reason for going ahead with their plans.

The troubles between step-relations are often as difficult to tackle as those between in-laws.

I lost my husband in the war (writes one woman) and I was left with a baby girl. When she was four years old—that is seventeen years ago—I married again, but my second husband has never shown any affection for her.

For the last few years they have not even spoken to one another, but a week ago a quarrel broke out and my husband told her to clear out, saying that he had been waiting for a long time until she reached twenty-one years of age to tell her to do so.

I have pleaded with him to alter his decision, but he says that it is either my girl or himself who must go. I am almost at my wits'-end to know what to do, for, as you can imagine, I want them both, but it seems as if this is impossible, for my husband is very determined. I am miserable and ill with worry and I shall be very grateful if you will help me.

This mother is naturally concerned about the welfare of her daughter. And though she would prefer her to remain with her, yet I am sure she would not wish to be selfish in the matter.

I am going to suggest that it would be far better for the girl to go away. What possible happiness can there have been for her during the last few years?

Her step-father has ignored her and now he tells her quite bluntly that he has been waiting for the opportunity to tell her to clear out.

That girl is now old enough to look after herself, and for her sake it would be better for her to make a start on her own. Are there not some relations or friends to whom she could go? Failing that, I know that in her town there is a hostel controlled by the Y.W.C.A. where she would find comfortable accommodation and congenial companionship.

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Few know it, but it is the fact that the great banking clearing-house of London, the most vital factor in world finance to-day, had its origin in these same silk-hatted men.

Bank messengers play an unique part in the nation's financial life

IN the course of a single year the sum (too gigantic even to think about) of £44,896,677,000 has been passed through the London clearing-house. As much as £282,157,000 has been handled in a single day!

The bank messengers originally made this possible just as to-day they remain the essential links in the system of transporting cheques and money from bank to bank, from exchange to clearing-house.

In other days, rather more than a hundred years ago, when people began to deposit money in banks it was found necessary to send round every day what were known as "walk clerks" to present to other banks claims in the form of cheques and bills for collection.

As time went on the "walk clerks" began to realise they could save a lot of trouble and shoe leather if they made an arrangement to meet at one place.

What better rendezvous than an inn? So far as London was concerned the "walk clerks" used to meet in a tavern room in Dove Court, off Lombard Street. It soon became one of the most important rooms in the City, and the time came when larger premises had to be obtained.

Old private banks were forced to take an interest in this enterprise of their messengers, and an enormous sum was paid for the freehold of the new premises, also in Lombard Street. And to-day that is the great banking clearing-house of the City of London.

Machines, calculators, and clerks have replaced the messengers in their former home, but the calling of the messenger remains.

He is still there ready to take money, cheques, and documents from bank to clearing-house whenever called on. He remains a vital link in the banking system of the country.

THE free-and-easy atmosphere of the old tavern days is no more. It is all very matter of fact and as drab as most things that have to do with big finance.

To-day the messengers' place has been taken by clerks.

The clerks are there at the clearing-house waiting to receive the list of charges on particular banks and other requirements.

When details are known it is the duty of the bank messenger to take them to individual offices.

The clearing-house is indeed far removed from the old familiar tavern, yet, nevertheless, the bank messenger of to-day fulfils an equally onerous and responsible task as the "walk clerks" of yesterday.

It is not easy to become a bank messenger. Every applicant must be a man of proven worth and sobriety. His character must be above reproach, and his manner of good address.

He is given an added dignity by the fact that he must wear a silk hat and black coat when on duty. In the case of the Bank of England there is a distinctive pink uniform with scarlet facings.

Also, when messengers have to take charge of the transport of large sums of money or realisable securities, they are sent in specially protected motor vans. Those vans have no inscriptions. They are quite plain. They even might be taken for the old-fashioned Black Marias.

But their numbers and appearance are well known to the police, and are given special treatment in traffic.

Bank messengers are civilians, and therefore are unarmed. In certain cases their satchels are attached to their wrists by steel chains. And as a general rule no messenger is allowed to take more than £1,000 in money with him unaccompanied.

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Neglectful Wives Can Laugh at the Law

AS a social worker, I know that the law is able to deal adequately with the husband who wilfully neglects his home. And so it should be.

But nothing can be done against the wife who wilfully neglects *her* home.

Should her supreme neglect drive her husband away, he is haled before the courts and charged with desertion.—Mrs. I. P. R. J., Dagenham.

Magistrates are waking up to this injustice. Sometimes they award such wives contemptuous sums by way of maintenance. To echo our correspondent's words: "And so it should be"—but more often.

Living Underground

Thousands of children in this vicinity live below ground level in unhealthy basement flats for which exorbitant rents are often charged.

It should be possible for local authorities to declare that basements are unfitted for habitation.—BERTHA B. BENTLEY, 18, Poplar Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

It is possible. But we are sorry most recent prosecution was of Rev. T. Jobson, Surbiton, fined for allowing homeless family of unemployed man to live free in his basement till he could find them better home.

It's Not General

I know of a Conservative peer, father of a Conservative M.P., who is tremendously proud of the fact that one of his employees, sitting as a Labour Member, is erstwhile chairman of the local municipal council. We have progressed!—E. EVANS, 116, Tyla Celyn Road, Tenygsarg, Rhondda, Glam.

But not everywhere. Political persecution is still rife.

Harvest Home

What runs through the minds of Marketing Board officials who organise the restriction of foodstuffs when they go to a harvest thanksgiving service and hear the Creator thanked for his bountifulness?—WILLIAM LAWRIE, Paisley.

No doubt they give thanks for the producers' harvest.

Under Five Reigns

Recent events enable many people to claim to have lived under five monarchs, but I have done military service under five.

Queen Victoria was on the throne when I served in South Africa. Leaving the Army in 1906, I rejoined in 1914. Discharged unfit for further service in 1918, I joined the 8th Lancashire Fusiliers in September, 1936, and still serve. Is it a record?—J. FORRESTER, 25, Watson Street, Patricroft, Manchester.

Anybody born in 1685 would have lived under 5 monarchs at 29, 6 at 42, 7 at 75.

Football Bowlers

Why is it that if 40,000 men attend a football match it seems that quite 30,000 wear bowler hats, which add four or five inches to their heights and make things very, very difficult for such people as . . .?—W. CHAMBERLAIN, Lancaster.

Caps usually predominate, but bowlers are more noticeable in a crowd or a temper.

The Look-Out

How is it that in many parts of the country employers know when the Factory Inspectors are coming, and soon see that everything is spick-and-span?—THOMAS PEGG, Stepney, E.3.

We asked a Factory Inspector. He said employees were cleverer than employers in this respect. In some cases they whisk cotton-waste out of keyholes and from under doors and adhesive tape from windows before he arrives.

Humility Singing

I would like you to see the poverty of my Sunday-school pupils. Yet every now and then they have to sing:

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them high and lowly
And ordered their estate.

Am I doing wrong in teaching them that God did not order them poverty, does not want them to hang about the rich man's gate?—CHARLES LESLIE, Hill Street, Hednesford, Staffs.

No. Few parsons would pretend that hymns are inspired writings.

Auto-Smacker

Commenting on a letter regarding standardised school canes, you say that muscles cannot be standardised.

You have obviously never heard of the caning machine, an Australian invention which can deliver a specified number of strokes of any poundage decided upon.—J. STAINTON, 155, Gladesmore Road, London, N.15.

All right, we'll go further. We'll say the sensitiveness of children to such a machine cannot be standardised.

Night Episode

I missed my last 'bus home when carrying a heavy parcel last night, and had toiled for half a mile with aching arms when a police car drew up and the occupants asked me what I was carrying, where I lived, and so on.

Then, satisfied with my explanation, they told me to jump in and drove me home.—M. KNIGHT, 9, Hawthorn Crescent, Selsdon, Surrey.

By helping, they checked up on your story. Those men deserve promotion.

Green Strawberries

The reply you give to a reader whose coloured embroidery attracts bees suggests that you don't realise that colour attracts far more than smell, even in things human beings eat.

As an example, if a perfectly ripe strawberry were bleached green, it would have a drastic effect on our intestines.—J. W. VATER, 11, Craig Terrace, Senghenydd, near Caerphilly, Glamorgan.

You are unfortunate with your example. Strawberries were eaten green, with pepper, for centuries. Queen Elizabeth was a hog for them.

Labels

Unemployed myself, I wonder why the Ministry of Labour doesn't issue badges to distinguish unemployed men. We wouldn't mind paying a few coppers for them, and perhaps people with odd jobs to be done, recognising us at sight, might be more willing to help.—G. HYNE, Blackfriars Road, S.E.1.

Social workers find that treating unemployed as a class apart encourages people to accept unemployment as inevitable, instead of evil that must be fought.

Tax Dodgers

On what grounds does the Government exempt its pensioners from income tax if they don't reside in Britain?

They draw those pensions from the British taxpayer, yet many of them deprive the taxpayer of any assistance by way of income tax and the benefit of their spending money in this country.—E. A. LUGARD, "Ashley," Dawlish, Devon.

We have met these people abroad. They are always talking about Britain going to the dogs.

On this page reader speaks to reader about the things of life that puzzle, hurt, dismay and please.

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FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

By Our Expert. *Matches Played October 16.*

FIRST DIVISION.

(1) Everton v. Leeds.
**(2) Huddersfield v. Grimsby.
(3) Leicester v. W.B. Albion.
(4) Manchester C. v. Stoke.
**(5) Sunderland v. B'rm'gham.
(6) Wolves v. Liverpool.
**(7) Arsenal v. Portsmouth.
(8) Blackpool v. Chelsea.
*(9) Bolton v. Preston.
(10) Brentford v. Charlton.
(11) Derby v. Middlesbrough.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) Fulham v. Bradford.
(2) Norwich v. Forest.
(3) Plymouth v. Barnsley.
(4) Sheff. W. v. Sheff. U.
(5) Soton v. Stockport.
(6) Swansea v. Coventry.
**(7) West Ham v. Barnsley.
(8) Villa v. Newcastle.
*(9) Blackburn v. Man. U.
(10) Bradford v. Luton.
*(11) Chesterfield v. Bury.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

**(1) Notts v. Boscombe.
(2) Reading v. Q.P. Rangers.
(3) Swindon v. Torquay.
(4) Watford v. Northampton.
(5) Aldershot v. Orient.
(6) Bristol C. v. Walsall.
(7) Palace v. Brighton.
(8) Exeter v. Mansfield.
*(9) Gillingham v. Bristol R.
(10) Millwall v. Southend.
(11) Newport v. Cardiff.

NORTHERN SECTION.

(1) Gateshead v. Tranmere.
(2) Hartlepools v. Chester.
(3) Hull v. Carlisle.
**(4) Lincoln v. Accrington.
*(5) New Brighton v. Halifax.
*(6) Oldham v. York.
(7) Port Vale v. Southport.
(8) Wrexham v. Rotherham.
(9) Barrow v. Rochdale.
(10) Crewe v. Doncaster.
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. I.

(1) Partick v. Rangers.
(2) St. J'ust'n v. Q. of South.
(3) St. Mirren v. Hamilton.
**(4) 3rd Lanark v. Clyde.
(5) Ayr v. Aberdeen.
*(6) Celtic v. Queen's Park.
(7) Dundee v. Hearts.
*(8) Falkirk v. Kilmarnock.
(9) Hibernians v. Arbroath.
**(10) Motherwell v. Morton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Div. II.

(1) King's Park v. Alloa.
(2) Montrose v. Forfar.
*(3) St. Bernards v. Dundee U.
(4) Albion v. Dunfermline.
(5) Brechin v. East Stirling.
(6) Cowdenbeath v. Leith.
(7) Dumbarton v. Raith.
(8) East Fife v. Airdrie.
(9) Edinburgh v. St'rl'gsh'r.

SPECIAL STAR CODE:—As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning. Example Code.—Div. I.—5 (*H*); Southern Section—1 (*H*); Scottish League, Div. I.—10 (*H*), would indicate Sunderland, Notts and Motherwell.

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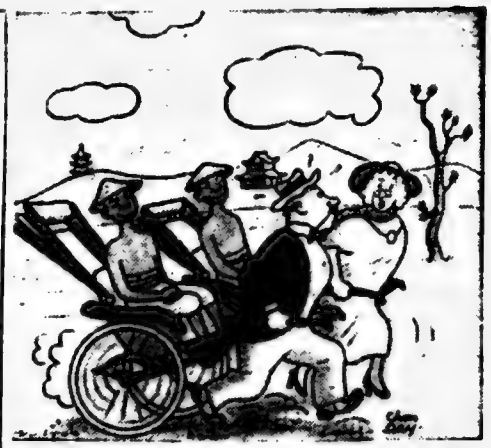

"I'm positive the guide book said they'd pull us."
—From "The Passing Show."

ANGLER (Yarmouth).—"How do fish smell?" It depends on the length of time they are out of the water.

B. E. (Colchester).—"New autumn underclothes are apt to make a man irritable." The wild and woolly vest.

D. N. (Aberdare).—"My skill in vaulting was responsible for my being chosen as a leader." So you jumped ahead.

R. H. (Norbiton).—"What do you think he wanted to roll my fair-sized lawn with?" A roller, of course.

W. N. D. (Gainsborough). — "The average restaurant dinner leaves me cold." You should eat it up more quickly.

G. D. R. (Osterley).—"The head slashed me with his cane for being slack and untidy." He made you smart?

SLOPPY (Nottingham). — "He told me he was a big gun in the office." And then they fired him?

LITERARY (Ipswich).—"A dramatist's wife is writing a 'Book of Birds.'" Not collected on "first-nights," we trust.

MRS. J. H. C. (Grantham).—"Rumour says that the foundations of the castle are crumbling." It's rot, probably.

C. P. (Kettering).—"I have made up my mind to score at least once in my first rugby game of the season." You mean to have a try?

F. J. W. (Downham).—"It was time for my son to have his weekly violin lesson, but I found him in the street with an ice-cream vendor." He prefers a cornet?

D. M. (Highgate).—"A hermit, said to occupy a secret cave in a lonely part of the East Coast, runs away at the sight of strangers." A secluded cove.

M. T. (Ely).—"My friend plays compositions on the piano which he insists are his own, but I do not believe him." You think he is putting on airs.

G. P. (Wood Green).—"A series of suspicious telephone calls convinced me that the firm was running a questionable business, so I left." A phoney concern.

MUSICIAN (Sussex).—"I consider that our musical director always takes everything far too fast." A lightning conductor, evidently.

PATER (Swansea).—"When he placed a large drawing-pin on my chair I badly wanted to chastise him." You ached to punish him.

CAMPANOLOGIST (Midlands).—"My first attempt at bellringing was a failure. I kept pulling my rope out of turn." You chimed in.

S. T. (St. Ives).—"He insisted on my accepting his portrait, and even went so far as to hang it in my lounge." A frame-up, eh?

C. A. P. (Hull).—"The weather experts had promised fine sunshine, but when we woke the morning was cold and bleak." A bit of a frost?

N. M. V. (Esher).—"We were expecting Bill to call, but learned that he'd had a crash on his bike and was unconscious." We hope he came round later.

HABERDASHER (Southwark).—"The burglars took my entire stock of perfume, but it was recovered by the police within a few hours." They quickly got on the scent.

M. E. (Poole).—"He is the most plucky boxer I have seen, but I wish he would shave off that horrible little moustache." He evidently believes in keeping a stiff upper lip.

BUNGEE (Hampshire).—"I am in trouble with the local authorities about the foundations, and until it is settled cannot continue building." There are no foundations, so you have hung the house up?

The Editor Laughs Last

Pestologist (Kew).—"Some people actually encourage mosquitoes in this country." We saw a man the other day patting one of these insects on the back.

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GERTIE (Chesterfield). —"We had tea on the roof of a skyscraper." High tea, eh?

C. N. (Holborn).—"Subways are still urgently needed all over London." Over?

FLOSSIE (Glasgow).—"Who gives the brick away when she's a film actress?" Her publicity agent.

TRAVELLER (Warwick).—"I shun those big hotels with numerous palms in the hall." Yes, tipping is a snag.

W. W. (West Ham).—"I was summoned for leaving my car a yard or so from the kerb." So you were pulled in.

MRS. P. (Tadcaster).—"I particularly wanted to hear the wireless talk on roasting pork, but missed it owing to atmospherics." The crackling upset you.

SCOTSMAN (Kennington).—"I have just returned from Scotland and have no complaint about the shooting." But plenty of grouse up there, evidently.

SIX-FOOTER (Cambridge).—"Tall people are more tolerant than short people." They should certainly find it easier to overlook things.

TOBY (Bristol).—"What does a husband do who misses a train by which he promised his wife to return?" He catches it when he gets home.

WORRIED (Chester).—"What would you do if, after ordering an expensive dinner in a restaurant, you found your money had run out?" Do the same!

SPORT (Droitwich).—"There are many angry scenes at football matches, yet none at all in hockey games." Well, with the latter they take the bully off right at the start.

E. W. (Balham).—"Cricket matches with eleven dogs in the field are now played regularly in some parts of Germany." It is quite a common sight, we suppose, to see a dachshund bowling with four legs?

T. L. (Hoylake).—"Dissatisfied, he insisted, with his hand extended, that I should give him an additional quantity, but I refused until he paid me a further sum of money." You were both holding out for more.

JOE (Inverness).—"There are only two things wrong with hiking." Your feet?

B. M. (Ealing).—"A crowd of women seldom get on together." Except on a bus.

NATURALIST (Brighton).—"The turtle is the most foolish of all creatures." It is always getting into the soup.

F. D. (Maidstone).—"The Alsatian dog has sprung from the wolf." Who wouldn't?

D. F. (London, W.).—As a lightning caricaturist I earn £40 a week." A thundering good salary.

F. D. (Bury).—"Our new goalkeeper is worth his weight in gold." Surely you mean in saving certificates?

D. K. (Hampstead).—"I see that an American author sat on a block of ice for a whole day, as a publicity stunt." Did his circulation improve?

COMPOSER (Balham).—"I have written a jazz symphony, which will be published posthumously." We wish you long life.

J. F. (Swindon).—"I intervened in the fight when I saw that my café would get damaged." Necessity was the mother of intervention!

D. L. (Hounslow).—"I always take great care to recognise my barber when I see him out." In case he might cut you deliberately if you offend him?

PAULINE (Weymouth). — "As we sat together on the edge of the cliff I decided to break off our engagement." You threw him over?

C. W. (Golborne).—"My neighbour doesn't do a thing in his garden, which he uses as a rubbish dump." Waste land?

A. C. S. (Crewe).—"She separated from her husband because he said her face had an ugly pallor." Has she made it up yet?

FARMER (Dorset).—"We invited him to a homely, rough-shooting party, but he arrived got up as for an exclusive deer stalk." He was dressed to kill.

G. N. (Westminster).—"I asked at the box-office if there were any seats, and was disappointed to learn that there were plenty." Why? Did you write the play?

HOPEFUL (Chiswick).—"My employer thinks a lot of me because I always spring to attention when he addresses me." So you stand well with him.

J. A. (Tonbridge).—"After a violent quarrel about a trench I had dug partly in his land, we got rid of our differences." You buried them.

REFEREE (Essex).—"One of the spectators rushed on the field and punched my nose when I whistled for a penalty." He evidently believed in a blow for a blow.

MANAGER (Lincoln).—"I discovered that he was in the habit of taking the cash and omitting to receipt the bill." But you quickly put paid to that?

J. H. C. (Kensington).—"It's marvellous what you can get for about £150 in the way of a family car." Why pay anything? You can win one, with £300 cash in addition, on Page 47.

MRS. T. (Liverpool).—"I had hoped to have been able to buy a piano, but that has all gone by the board since the arrival of a little one." A grand baby instead of a baby grand.

FINANCIER (Harringay).—"I think it rather wonderful that although the burglars ransacked my gardener's house, they couldn't find his savings." He had evidently planted them well.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelope "Side-Slips." When the same "Slip" is submitted by more than one person that which arrived with the earliest postmark receives the prize.

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WESTERN MORNING NEWS:—". . . his wife, without noticing there was water in the CHURCH, had poured the milk in . . ."

CUMBERLAND NEWS:—"——, who returned from New York yesterday, tells me that the RECEPTION given to 'Victoria the Great' was quite staggering."

BIRKENHEAD AND CHESHIRE ADVERTISER:—". . . her left leg was X-rayed and was found to be fractured near the NECK."

GLASGOW HERALD:—". . . his name became history and he passed on to IMMORALITY."

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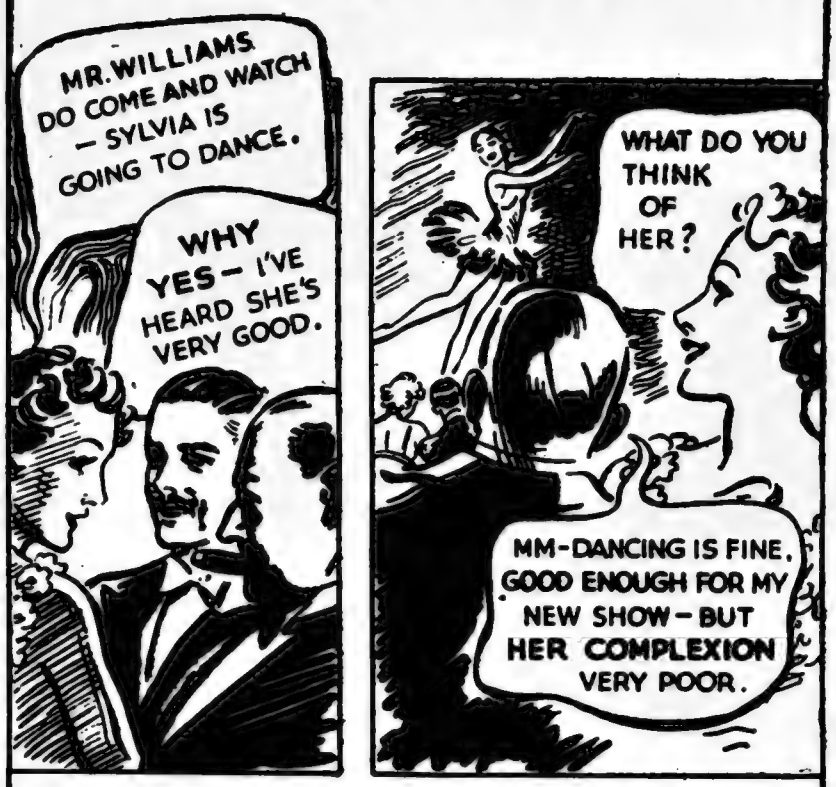
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"Think what a baby must suffer from skin trouble. Perhaps he's chafed and his skin is burning hot and smarting horribly. Or he may be tormented and disfigured by itching, scaly Eczema. And the affliction isaggravated by blankets to keep him warm. No wonder he screams and can't sleep. No wonder mothers are worried by restless babies. But this need not be, for a touch of Cuticura Ointment will cool and soothe the angriest rash and stop the most persistent itching of Eczema. Healing starts with the very first application of Cuticura, and often before the first tin is empty the skin is clear, not a trace of redness or eruption to be seen.

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WEEKLY FOR LIFE
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£100 BETWEEN RUNNERS-UP
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To each sender of entry containing only one less meritorious Answer than Runners-up we shall forward a Special Surprise Award—to be posted simultaneously with the publication of winning Square in "John Bull."
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Here on this page is a splendid one-week Offer of Crossword Cash and Radios, headed by a magnificent Life Pension Prize.

The sum of £100 is available for this Contest's Runners-up, and to each of these winners whose cash prize amounts to £3 or more JOHN BULL will present a marvellous "Vidor" "Round-the-World" Radio. Should the First Prize be divided, each share of £30 or more will be accompanied by a similar Wonder Radio.

But make sure that your completed squares reach JOHN BULL by Saturday, October 23.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Come in contact with
4. One will often help to relieve fatigue
7. Royal Academy
8. Declare
10. Game of cards in Bloomsbury
12. They have to be used in modern lighting equipment
13. Draught is generally felt by
14. Explorer may see strange plants on one in jungle
19. Child likes to be given
22. There's a wick in the middle of one
23. May be useful when packing breakables for transport
25. End of loaf
26. Prices obtained for big ones are frequently disappointing
28. Robin without head and tail
29. May come in handy on rainy day
30. Football teams sometimes get when buying players
31. Railing of one may worry nervous mother

CLUES DOWN

1. Accidents are apt to occur when one is heavily loaded
2. Used to propel a boat
3. Company of actors in play
4. North West
5. Some people will do this for years, hoping for success in the end
6. There are tanks which can easily go faster than this
9. Young bride is glad to get a good one
11. In middle of room
15. Beam of light
16. Is usually welcomed in good company
17. Big boxing match usually ends in
18. It's sometimes very difficult to get over one
20. Apt to get dried up when it's baking
21. You sometimes see a lot of green in one
23. Many people don't enjoy Christmas without this
24. Water from clouds
26. There's a saloon one in public-house
27. Begins smoking

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole Entry-Form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry-fee for one coupon (two squares) is SIXPENCE. For two coupons (four squares) send ONE SHILLING. For three coupons (six squares) send ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE. For four coupons (eight squares) send TWO SHILLINGS. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it / & Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O., and fill in the number upon Entry Form; Entry Form to be posted as directed (not delivered by hand), to reach us not later than Saturday, October 23.

2.—In addition to four sixpenny Entry Forms from "John Bull" each entrant may submit FOUR EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette," or any other announcement of this Competition. Thus each entrant is limited to 8 Entry Forms (16 squares in all) and Entry-fee of 4s.

Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding properly indicated letter on adjoining Entry-square will be regarded as entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, Entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, November 4. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize, he must demand a scrutiny by first post, Tuesday, November 9, in accordance with the directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up Prize or Surprise Awards. Accordingly, entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

4.—Should the First Prize be shared £500 Cash will be paid instead of the Pension Award.

5.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

6.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd., and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

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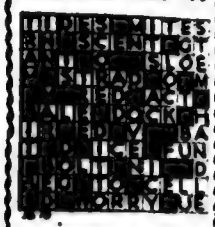

Winners on page 46

The Adjudication Committee decided that the most apt and accurate Answers used by competitors were those seen in the Square above.

Reasons for Committee's findings will appear in next week's "Crossword Gazette." Secure your free weekly copy by using reservation coupon on page 47.

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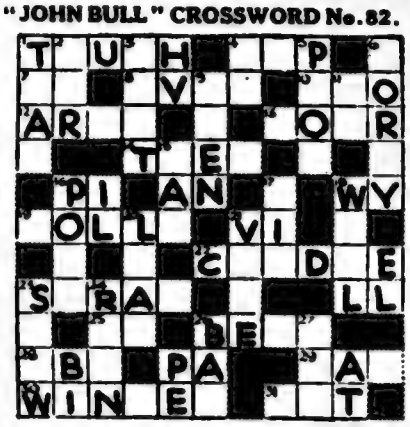

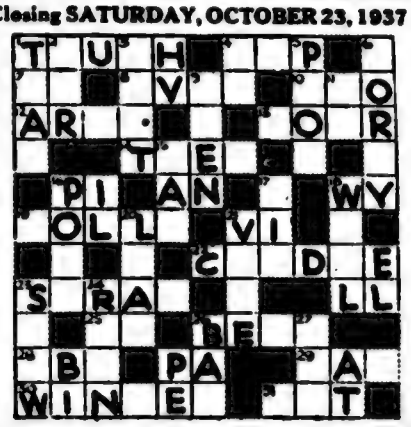

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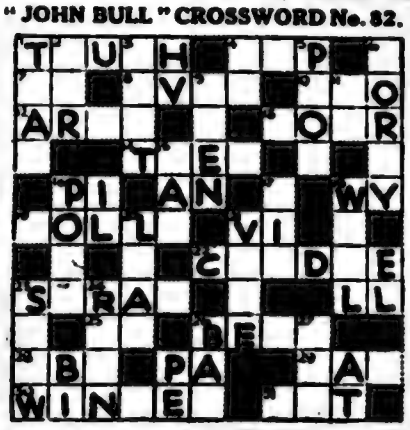

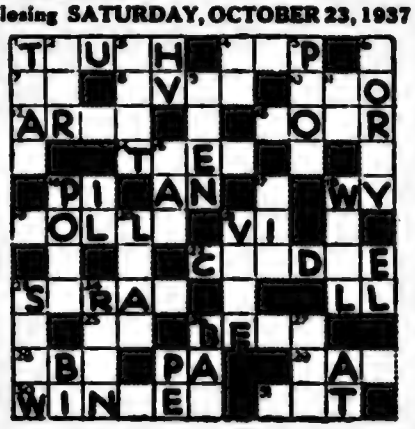

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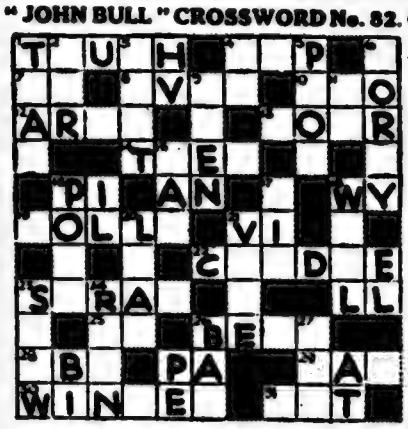

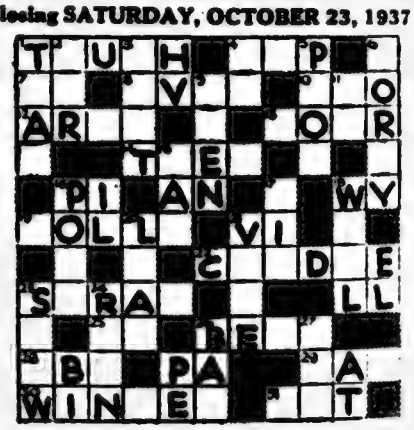

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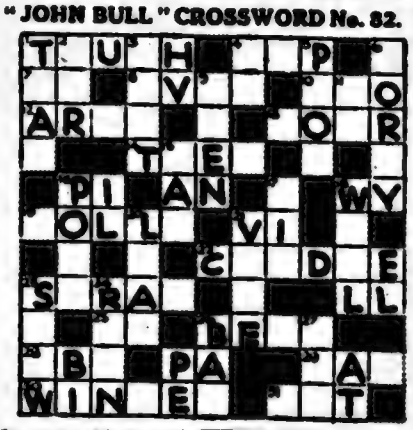

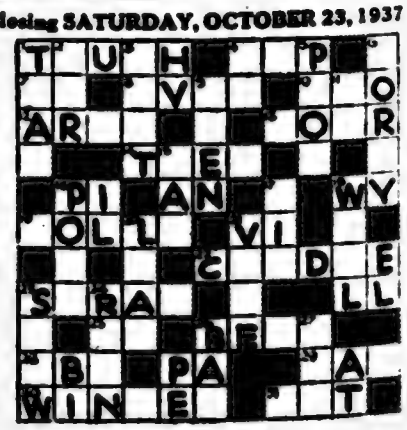

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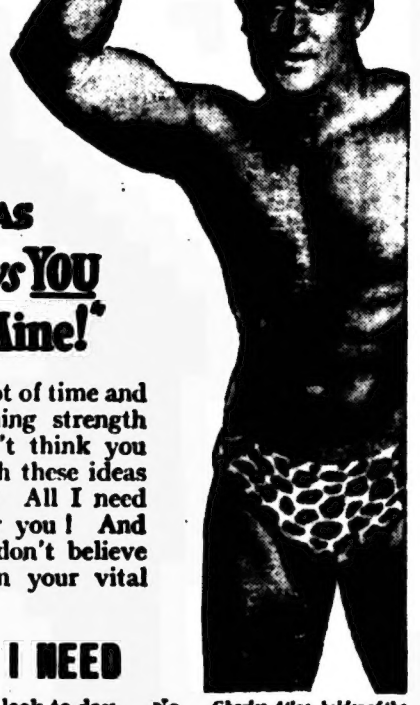

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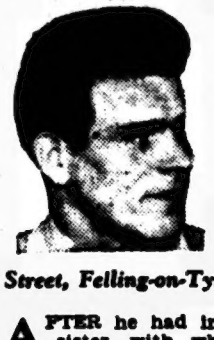

When the result of our Bullets Competition No. 1,088 had been decided, "John Bull" invited Mr. J. P. Brandon, a previous First Prize-winner in the neighbourhood, to call for a chat with our latest Life Pensioner, Mr. J. Jobson (on right), 12, Elsdon Street, Felling-on-Tyne—and to provide a special feature for this page by a report of it

AFTER he had introduced me to his sister, with whom he keeps their little home going, the winner and I repaired to his kitchen and were quickly engrossed in *Bullets* lore, Mr. Brandon relates.

A studious, broad-shouldered bachelor of 37, Mr. Jobson told me that he is at present employed in a temporary capacity as a clerk in the offices of Felling Urban District Council. A £5 Monthly Pension was his reward for entering the neat and challenging *Bullet*, EVERY MOTHER'S SON —DUFFERS, BUT CHANCE SHOULDN'T!

That First Prize *Bullet*, I discovered, accurately reflects his own sentiments. "No two persons are alike," he contended, "but everyone, rich or poor, should have the same chance in life.

"As a regular reader of *Bullets Bulletin*, I derive great help from it, especially the chats with the chief prize-winners, from which I see that they are just ordinary people like me.

"I have had my share of trials in the last five years, including illness and unemployment," my new friend concluded, "but this Life Pension will enable me to look to the future with more security."

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What Mr. Brandon and Mr. Jobson did was to spend a little of their leisure on the amusing job of making *Bullets*. Success came their way—and if you tackle the *Examples* now you, too, may soon be reading a First Prize Joy Wire.

RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 1,090

First Prize: 20s. Weekly for life and £100, or £400 cash.
W. A. LAMBERT, 12, Cumming Street, Pentonville Road, London, N.
Example: ON THE CRATER'S EDGE
Bullet: EUROPE—"FIREBIRD'S" SAFER, BRITAIN!
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE £50:

W. E. BIRDE-JONES, "Fenelve," Westfaling Street, Hereford.
Example: To Heaven
Bullet: "Servant"—To Become "Guest."

THIRD PRIZE £25:

E. THOMAS, Monument Corner, Staplehurst, Kent.
Example: Safe In Harbour
Bullet: She's "Gently Rocking" Now.

OTHER PRIZES:

£20: A. R. PARTINGTON, 14, Cavendish Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
The Empire's Future—Surer, Given "Good Houses."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

£15: J. CLARKE, Whytehouse Hotel, Kirkcaldy, Fife.
One Of The Boys—He's Making Men, Baden-Powell.
(Entered on "Target" coupon.)

£10: T. J. ENTWISTLE, 2, Brook Terrace, Llanharan, Glam.
Glowing Tribute—"Life's Hell Without Her."

£9: Mrs. H. RUBENS, 8, Tewkesbury Buildings, High Street, E.
Mothers—Often Left "Rocking" *Themselves*.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

£8: J. T. CASSIDY, 113, Oxford Road, Birmingham.
Did The Trick—"Bulldog" Once, Without "Begging."

£7: E. SHEPPARD, 88, Percy Road, London, W.
One Of The Boys—Till "Re-union" With *Missus!*

£6: C. D. HOUSE, "Tresco," Tyning Road, Saltford, near Bristol.
Mothers—Hide Much—"Find" Everything.

£5: G. RITCHIE, 48, Seymour Avenue, Plymouth.
On The Crater's Edge—Mankind—"The Lake" Deserted.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s.

E. BARRY, 1, Southland Terrace, Purfleet.
She Was Late, But—Liner Had Been "Lifeboat."

O. H. BIRCH, 14, Warwick Road, Walthamstow, London, E.
To Heaven—Spinster's Prayer—Hendrick's Appeal!

H. A. GROVER, 14, Wynn Road, Whitstable, Kent.
Enemy Of All—Continually "Sneezing At Work."

J. HUNT, 4, Garth Road, Holyhead.
Did The Trick—Palm-oil—"Slipped Into" Job.

S. MANSON, 125, Montrose Street, Glasgow.
When Dad's Right—"Really, I *Can't* Sing——"

Mrs. McCORMACK, 3, Croft Street, Galashiels, Selkirkshire.
Without Turning A Hair—Lifeboatman—Neptune "Tearing" His.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

E. M. MERRETT, 1, Bridge Road, Sharpness, Glos.
One Of The Boys—Auntie Looks—Girls' Curate!

Mrs. W. PIKE, 120, Richmond Road, Dalston, E.
Without Turning A Hair—Cocoanut Endures Dad's Onslaught.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

G. R. WOOD, 62, Old Park Road, Belfast.
To Heaven—And *From*, Hands Outstretched."

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Our New Typist—"Capital," Till "Letter."

Extra £2 Cash Bonuses will be paid as announced.

A list of 20 £1 and 500 2s. 6d. winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

LIFE PENSION AND FORTUNE WON OUTRIGHT IN CROSSWORD No. 79

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 79, the Adjudication Committee decided that the sender of the most meritorious Set of Answers on one Square was the following competitor, who submitted a Square differing at one point only from the most meritorious Set of Answers even to Square on page 44:

2. H. BOWMAN, 101, ASKEW AVENUE, CHERVILLE, HULL.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, this competitor will receive £8 Weekly for Life and £1,000 Cash, or a lump sum of £3,500 cash.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Square eligible for a share of this Prize must demand a Scrutiny by not later than First Post, Tuesday, October 19, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Squares submitted and Postal Order number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £500 to Runners-up. This Prize has been divided between the following five competitors from whom we received Squares inferior in merit by reason of only one less apt and accurate Answer compared with the best Square submitted and each will receive £50.

J. Dunbar, 44, Clarendon St., Carlton, Liverpool, 19; V. Hewes, 58, Stockwell Rd., Brixton, Hamburby; J. H. McKinnon, 18 Rhind Avenue, Rhumstock, Ayr.; F. Rusin, Vicarwell, Bickleigh, Devon; A. R. Hampshire, Bathville, Lisburn Rd., Belfast.

With each cash prize a "Video" All-wave Radio will be awarded.

An extra £250 will be divided between prize-winners who made a "Crossword Gazette" reservation in accordance with the terms of the Offer.

CROSSWORD No. 82—TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ON page 44 is presented the eighty-second of JOHN BULL'S entertaining Crossword Puzzles: you are invited to exercise your skill and knowledge by completing it with the guidance of the Clues provided.

Options and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which entries will be judged, and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This judging will be carried out under the supervision of an Adjudication Committee consisting of the following: The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Lascelles Abercrombie, Litt.D., D.Lit., M.A., and Doctor C. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered, and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor who on one Entry-coupon has completed the Puzzle and has given the Answers which, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best set of Answers to the Clues provided. And this set of Answers will constitute the winning Puzzle Square.

Should any prize in the Puzzle where a choice of words exists the Adjudication Committee decides that no one word submitted can be preferred on the test of aptness and accuracy, then competitors three using words of equal merit as Answers will be regarded as having tied at those points, which will be duly indicated when result and winning Puzzle Square appear in JOHN BULL, published Thursday, November 4, 1937. The sources which decided the Committee's Award will be published in JOHN BULL'S free weekly "Crossword Gazette," obtainable as instructed on page 47. The Second Prize will be awarded to the competitor whose entry is next in order of merit. In the event of a tie or ties the appropriate cash prize will be equally divided, but not more than one cash prize and one other prize will be allowed to one entrant in any one contest.

Acceptance of the findings of the Adjudication Committee in regard to the most meritorious entries and of the Editor of JOHN BULL in all other matters is a condition on which entries are accepted and is legally binding on all entrants for this Crossword Competition.

FINE DOUBLE FIRST PRIZE "BULLET" AND UP TO 50 NEW CASH MOTORING AWARDS
£300
Cash AND ANY CAR AT THE MOTOR SHOW
Any Car exhibited at the Motor Show this year, value up to £150, may be selected as an extra award by the £300 winner in this contest.
10,550 OTHER PRIZES
£50 £25 £20 £15
£10 £9 £8 £7 £6 £5
10 of £2.10
30 of 10/-
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2,000 "DOUBLE-STAR TARGETS"
8,000 "STAR TARGETS"
This week only CLOSING POSTMARK SAT., OCT 23 . . . . WINNERS WIRE FRIDAY NOV. 5
Who wants 100 MILES OF FREE MOTORING?
If the 2, 3 or 4 words of a "Bullet" which wins you 10s. or over this week includes one or more of any of the 10 words below, exactly as printed, you receive an extra Bonus of 100 MILES FREE MOTORING; on any one Saturday or Sunday within 3 months, "John Bull" will provide Car and Chauffeur for you to enjoy a glorious free trip of up to 100 miles.
BONUS WORDS: DEMANDS—MILLIONAIRE — NEVILLE — PROSPERITY — REMEMBERING—SMASHED—THANKFULLY—WINTER—WISER—WORK.
YOU CAN ADD THIS FINE MOTORING BONUS TO ANY PRIZE OF 10s. OR OVER WHICH YOU WIN.

10,551 PRIZES—AND NEW "BONUS WORDS" PLAN TO HELP YOU TO WIN!

HERE is another splendid one-week Offer of *Bullets* prizes, specially arranged to coincide with this year's Motor Show. A feature of the great 1937 Exhibition at Earl's Court is the wide range of reliable, economical and handsome cars available for people with £150 to spend on a Family Car. Enter the best *Bullet* of this contest and, in addition to receiving the fine sum of £300 in cash, you will be privileged to order at JOHN BULL'S expense *any car* exhibited at the Motor Show up to £150 in price.

A big batch of 50 cash awards supports this fine Cash-plus-Car First Prize and a novel "Bonus Words" scheme has been introduced which will simplify the making of *Bullets* this week. If you take advantage of it and win any of the 50 prizes from 10s. up to £50, your cash will be accompanied by the award of 100 miles of glorious Free Motoring on any Saturday or Sunday you choose.

You have only a few days to win, so start on the *Examples* as soon as you have read through the simple instructions below.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS"

TAKE paper and pencil and first jot down, say, six of this week's *Examples* which appeal to you most. Next, opposite each of four chosen *Examples* scribble down all the rough ideas it suggests to your mind.

Each of your finished efforts, remember, must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words of apt and original comment, closely linked with the selected *Example*. Accordingly, your next step is to compress and improve your first scribbled comments into polished *Bullets*.

Suppose, for instance, that opposite the *Example*, BETTER PART, you had jotted down *With Wages Or Wifey's Upset*. From that you could easily produce the typical *Bullet*, BETTER PART—THAN UPSET "BETTER HALF."

In this Contest, remember, if you win 10s. or more with a *Bullet* containing any of the Bonus Words provided you will secure an additional Free Motoring award. If, therefore, you decide to include a Bonus Word in your effort, you will be wise to bring it into your rough note so as to make sure that it fits neatly in your finished *Bullet*.

Before you start, study the good points of the successful *Bullets* in our 1,000th Contest on the opposite page. Then begin at once, for your entry must be postmarked on or before Saturday, October 23.

Add 2, 3, or 4 words only to any "Example"

(Competition No. 1,093)

MY BIT OF BRITAIN
WHILE GENEVA SLEEPS
ALTHOUGH THEY DIED
BUTCHER MARS
BUNCH OF CROOKS
WHEN CONSCIENCE STABS
WE STRUGGLE AND STRUGGLE, YET
WITH A LIGHT HEART
SHOWS HE'S GOT PUSH
SONNY'S FORGOTTEN
WOMAN IN THE CASE
PUZZLE FOR SANDY

THEIR REWARD	CHEERS
BURGLAR JAPAN	YELLOW
SLOT ON SPORT	NEEDS A LOT
POPPIES	VIGOROUSLY
SINKING SHIP	MURDEROUS
SHAMEFUL	EMPTY CRADLE

"THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT!"
PLODDING ALONG
BETTER PART
PATH OF FOLLY
TICKLED TO DEATH
IT'S URGENT, SO
CURIOUS THING
AT OUR VILLAGE INN
DAD TURNED DETECTIVE AND
STILL SURVIVES
SHOCK FOR THE JERRYBUILDER
TO HELP THE TEACHER

ENTRY-FEE.—Enclose a Postal Order with your entry at the rate of 6d. for each Coupon submitted. This should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed /& Co./. Write name, address and date of posting on back of P.O.

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Affix 1½d. stamp here

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Please register me for six weeks free supply of *Bullets Bulletin* and JOHN BULL'S *Crossword Gazette*. I have affixed 3d. in stamps to this coupon for postage.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Supply can be arranged more speedily by posting coupon direct to BULLETIN DEPT., ODHAMS PRESS LTD., 30, Bedford Street, W.C.2.

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,093) Closing postmark SAT., Oct. 23. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.
Signed .....
Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,093) Closing postmark SAT., Oct. 23. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.
Signed .....
Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,093) Closing postmark SAT., Oct. 23. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed .....
Address .....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,093) Closing postmark SAT., Oct. 23. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.
Signed .....
Address .....

If you want to enter further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £4, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the newsagents from whom the chief winners in "Bullets" No. 1,093 recently purchased "John Bull."

The original cheque for £300 awarded to the First Prize-winner in Competition No. 1,090 will be displayed in the window of Mr. S. R. Cook, Post Office, Chafford, Strood.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor, is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges. 2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed /& Co./. Entrant's name, address and date of posting must be written on back of postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated. 3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and their families are not eligible.

ADDRESS ENTRY "Bullets" No. 1,093, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

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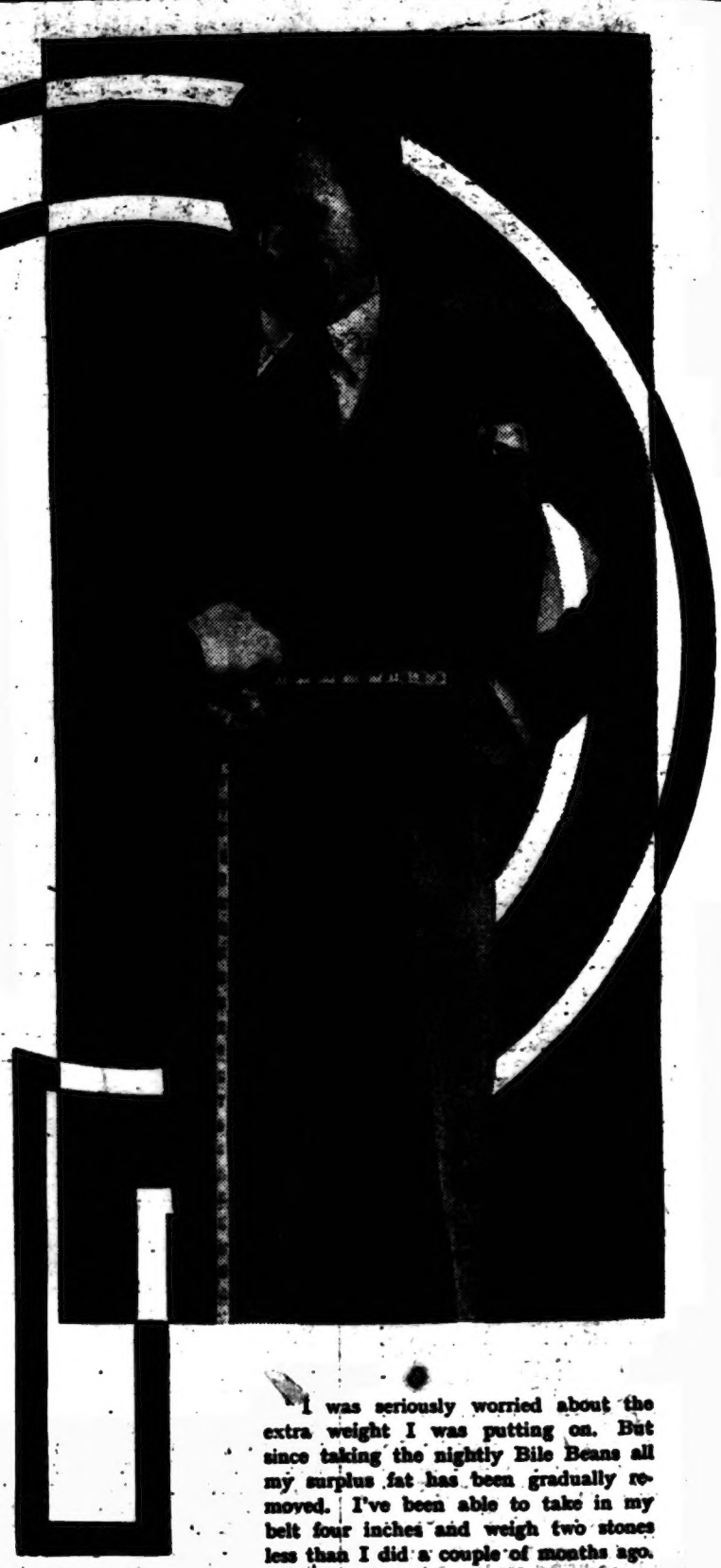

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